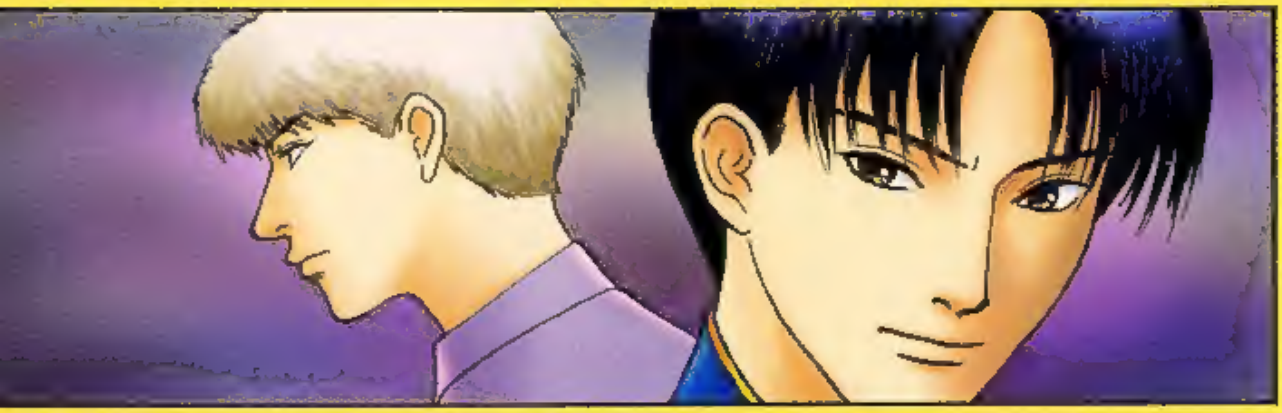

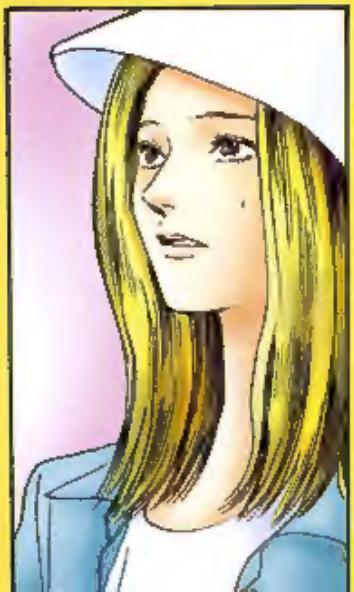

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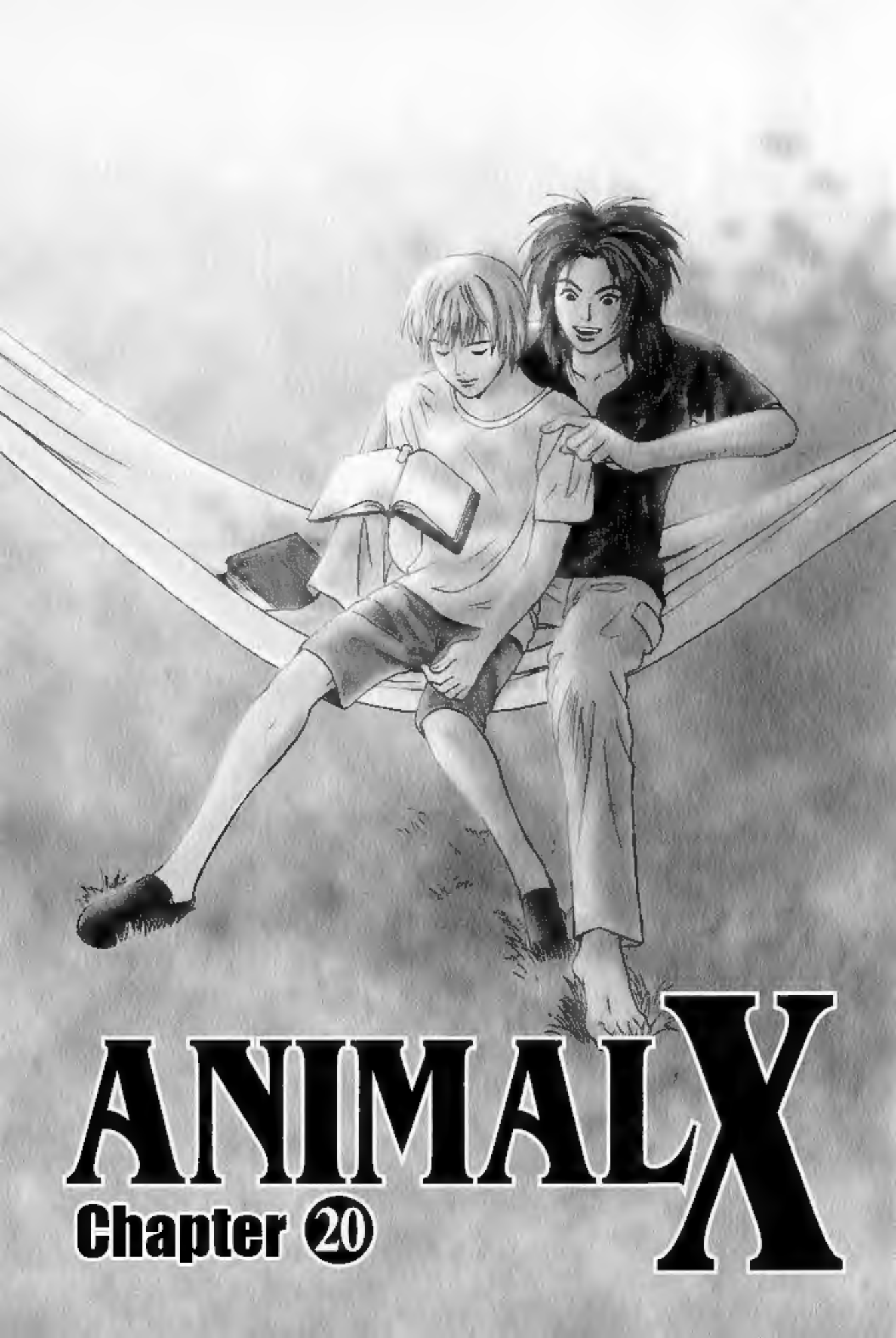

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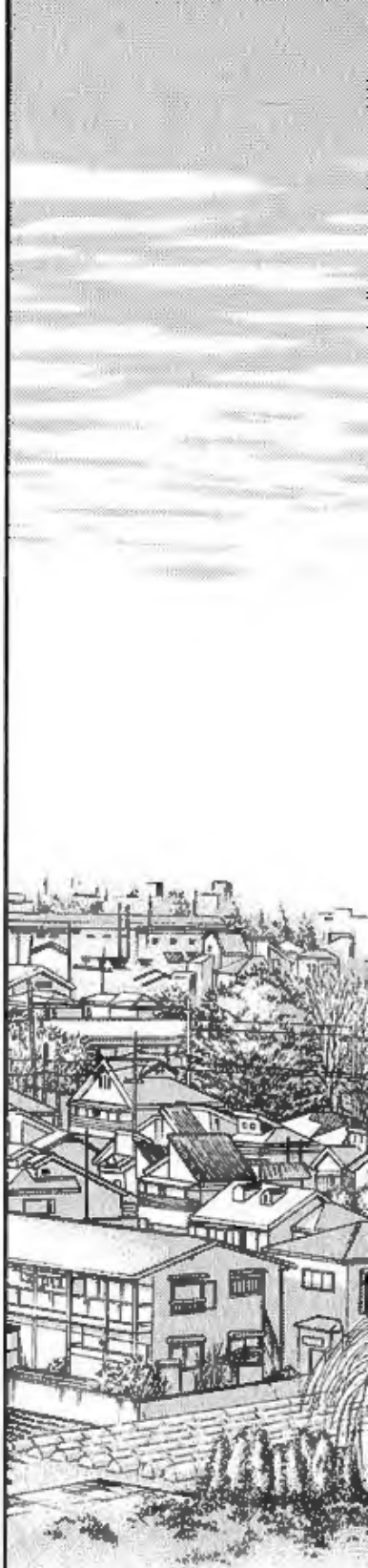
Chapter 20

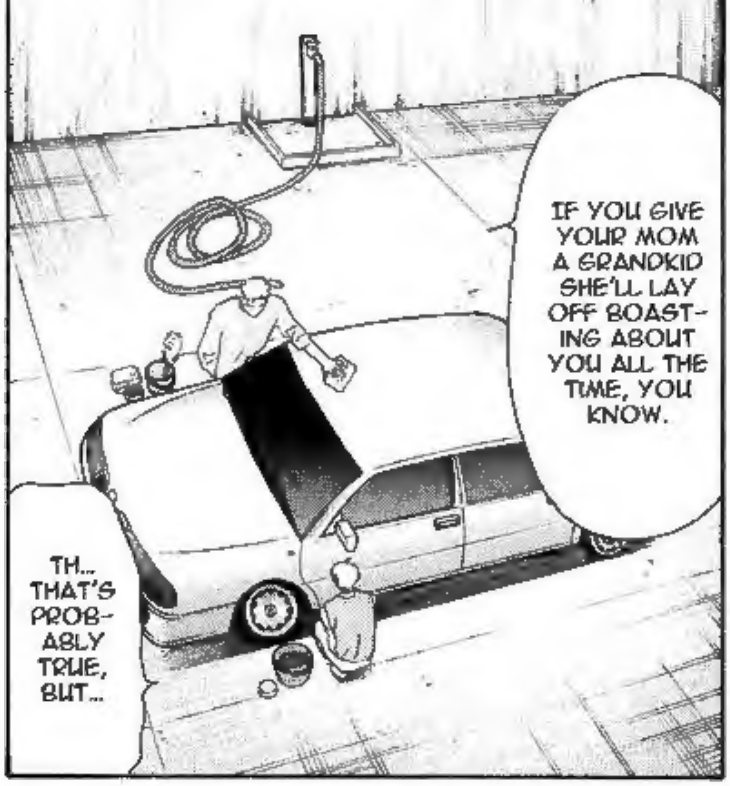
I'M BACK!
OH! WELCOME BACK!
YOU'RE AWFULLY FAST TODAY. AND I WAS GOING TO COME GET YOU AT THE STATION TOO.
I...IT'S FINE...YOU DON'T HAVE TO. SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD!

SHE'S BEEN MAKING FOOD NON-STOP SINCE SHE HEARD...
HEY, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO MAKE IT!
YOU WERE COMING BACK FROM YOUR DORM!

DO YOU LIKE IT YUUJI? IS IT GOOD?
...YEAH, IT TASTES LIKE HOME.



NOW, NOW.
Y...YOU' RE EM- BAR- RASS- ING ME!
M... MOM!
...TOP-RATE UNIVERSITY YOU WENT RIGHT INTO RESEARCH FOR A FAMOUS COMPANY!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU! AFTER GRADUAT- ING TOP OF YOUR CLASS FROM A...
I FEEL GOOD AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE ON YOUR COURSE WITH YOUR JOB AND MAKE A GOOD LIFE FOR YOURSELF.
I...I'M TOO OLD FOR THAT FOR ONE THING, AND THE ONLY REASON I GOT GOOD GRADES WAS THAT I STUD- IED HARD.
YOUR MOTHER IS PROUD OF YOU BECAUSE SHE LOVES YOU.
...SO HOW'S IT GOING WITH KYOUKO- CHAN?
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS GETTING MARRIED AND BE- COMING INDEPEN- DENT...


IF YOU GIVE YOUR MOM A GRANDKID SHE'LL LAY OFF BOASTING ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME, YOU KNOW.
TH... THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE, BUT...

W...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT? IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STARTED A HOUSEHOLD TOGETHER.
A...A HOUSEHOLD!? YOU'RE MOVING TOO FAST, DAD!

NO, W...WELL...
YOU TWO WENT TO SHIBUYA TO SEE A MOVIE LAST MONTH, RIGHT? DID YOU AT LEAST HOLD HER HAND?
HUH!?
SO HOW FAR HAVE YOU GOTTEN WITH KYOU-KO-CHAN?
SOFT 99
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RIGHT?
HAVE SOME KIDS AND TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY!! THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE SOME PRIDE IN YOUR LIFE.

HOLDING...
...HER HAND WOULD BE...WELL...

DAD...
M...
MINATO!
I WAS WATCHING OVER YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP.
I...I DID?
WHAT DID I...?
I DON'T KNOW!

IMPOS-SIBLE!
THAT'S ...
MINATO!
QUIT HAVING DREAMS ABOUT A PAST I DON'T KNOW ABOUT!
CAN YOU TELL YOUR PARENTS!?
ABOUT BEING WITH ME AND HAVING MY KID!?
.....
YOU'RE NOT EATING ENOUGH RECENTLY...
AND HAVING BAD DREAMS...SO I WAS WATCHING OVER WHILE YOU SLEPT, BUT...

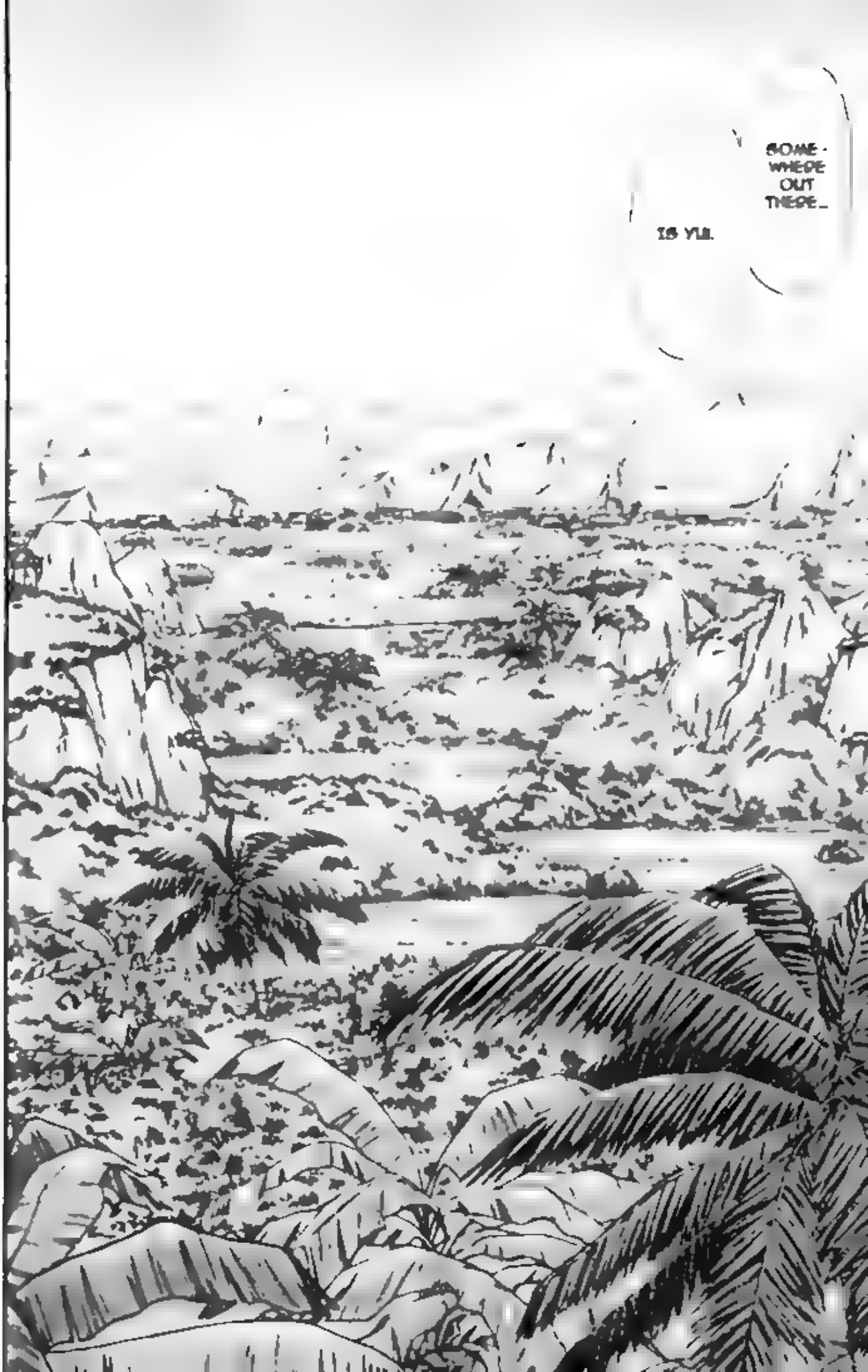
BUT...
YOU GO AND DREAM ABOUT STUFF I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT!!
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE YUI AND ME!!
GO DIE YOU BAS-TARD!
WHEN I WOKE UP...
I WAS HAPPY...
THAT YOU WERE THERE.

I CAN'T TELL...MOM AND DAD ABOUT YUI, BUT...

RIGHT NOW, I...

I HAVE SOMEONE WHO TREASURES ME MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD...

COME ON!
WATCH YOUR STEP, IT'S DAN-GEROUS
O...OKAY


SOME-
WHERE
OUT
THERE...
IS YU.

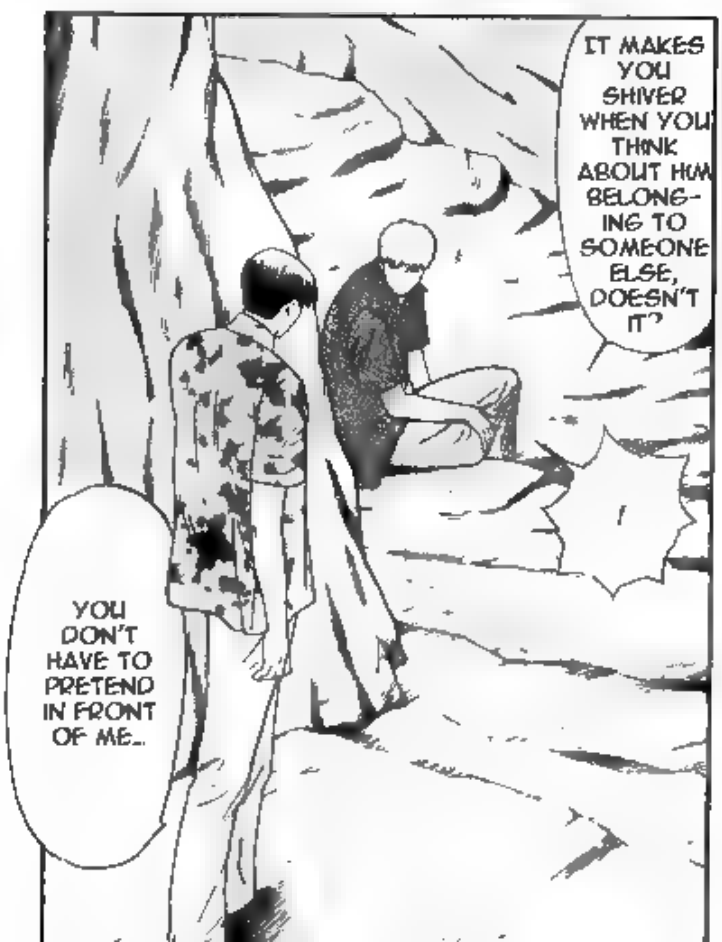
AND I'LL BECOME A GOOD PARENT!!
YEAH!
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW!! LET'S SEARCH FOR YU! TO-GETH-ER!! OKAY?
UM...ABOUT BEFORE, I...
?
...SORRY
SURE, SURE.
I'LL BE WITH YOU FOR EVER AND EVER,
THEN I'LL BE AROUND YOU WAY, WAY MORE THAN YOUR PARENTS,
OKAY!?
...HE'S SO CUTE...
YOU ARE YOUNGER THAN ME AFTER ALL...AND IT'S ALWAYS SOMEWHAT AWKWARD, BUT..

IT DOESN'T MATTER
THIS MORNING... WHERE WERE YOU TWO?
WE'VE GOTTEN YOU LODGING AND YOU ARE TO DRESS LIKE TOURISTS...
WE'RE LEAVING FOR THE CITY TODAY
WE JUST CROSSED THE BORDER, SO WE NEED TO BE CARE-FUL...
IT'S JUST THAT WE SHOULD AB-STAIN FROM CARELESS ACTIONS...
.....
YOU DAMN BRAT!!
DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF JUST BE-CAUSE YOU LOST YOUR VIR-GINITY!!
JUST SO YOU KNOW I'M FIVE YEARS OLDER THAN YOU.

HERE'S BREAK-FAST SHIRAKA-WA-SAN!!
OH, THANKS...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
AREN'T YOU EATING?
OH...
MY STOMACH... ISN'T FEELING TOO GOOD
DO YOU HAVE ANY MEDI-CINE?
I'M FINE!! I'M TAKING IT, DON'T WORRY
YOU LOOK... WORN OUT SOME-HOW
IT'S YOUR IMAGINA-TION!
YUUJI!!

SHIRAKA-WA-SAN..?

NOTHING..
UH...NO ...IT'S

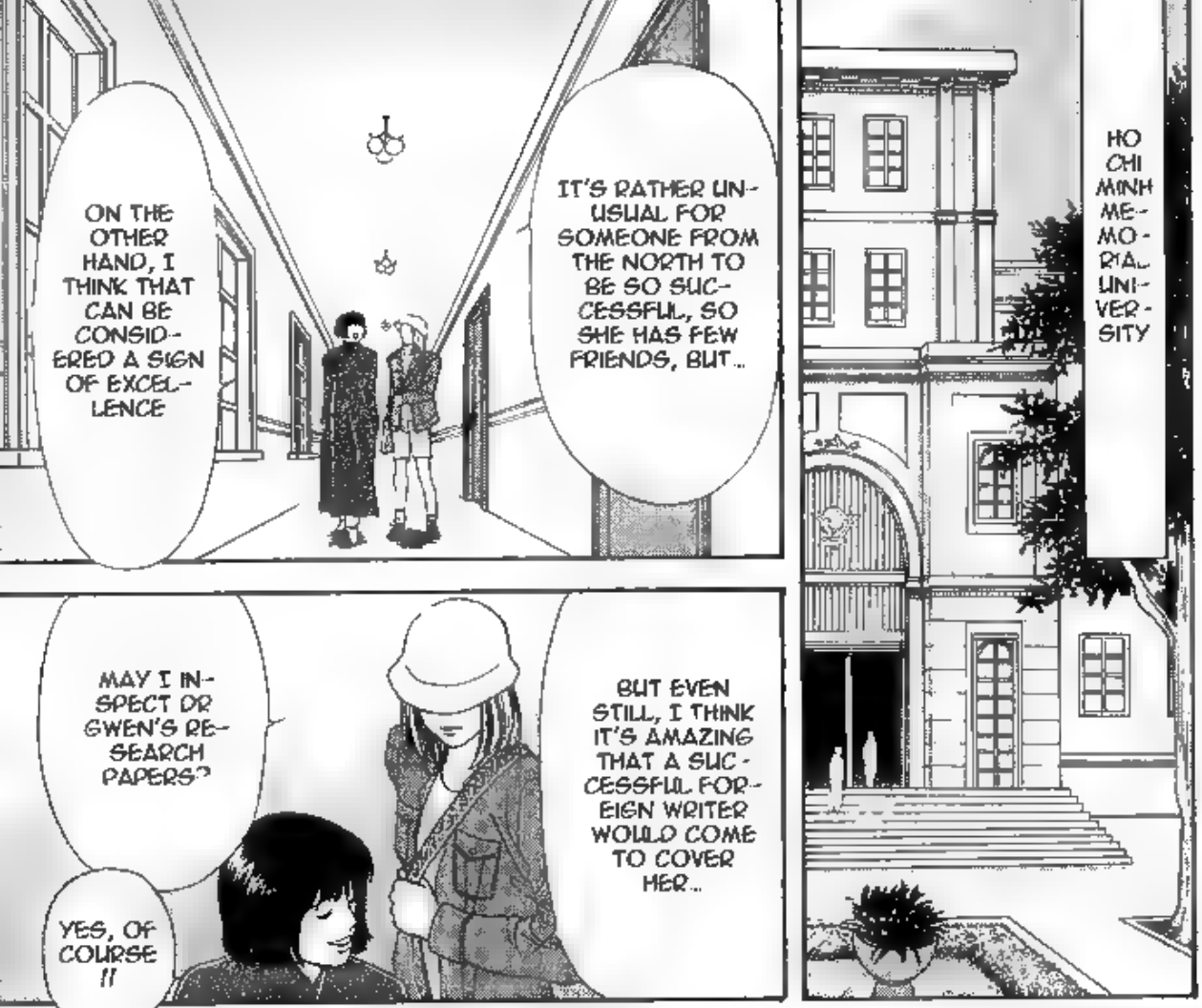

IT MAKES YOU SHIVER WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW BELONG-ING TO SOMEONE ELSE, DOESN'T IT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND IN FRONT OF ME..

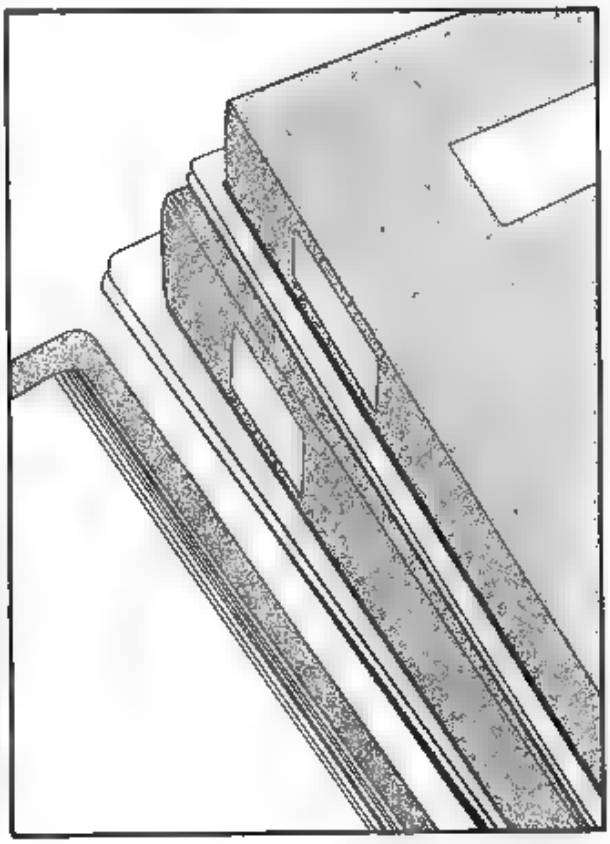
SHUT UP!!
THAT NIGHT, EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW EVERYTHING THAT AYUKAWA-SAN HAD GONE THROUGH... YOU WENT AND..
WHAT WOULD AYUKAWA-SAN AND ASABA-SAN SAY IF THEY KNEW?
YOU'RE A PARTNER IN CRIME, YOU KNOW
YOU BASTARD!!
...JUST SHUT UP..
YOU JUST..
FULFILLED ALL OF YOUR DESIRES USING AYUKAWA, THAT'S ALL.

BUT..
IF THE FEMALE WAS PROPERLY FERTILIZED, YOUR AND MY DUTY AS MALES TO CONTINUE THE RACE WILL BE FULFILLED..
AT THAT INSTANT,
THAT WORTHLESS, GUILELESS.. MASS OF HUMAN FLESH WAS IN SO MUCH PAIN.
SINCE I'VE KNOWN AYUKAWA-SAN,
I'VE UNEXPECTEDLY ..BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN PEOPLE.

Kodak

THE MARKET AND LABOR-FORCE ARE ANTICIPATING THAT THIS WILL CREATE ADVANCEMENT IN A LARGE SCALE PLAN FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES.
HO CHI MINH CITY'S LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY IS IN ONE MORE WEEK. THE SPONSOR, GROVER INDUSTRIAL, WILL BE REPRESENTING.
CHO BEN THANH
A PUBLIC SAFETY FORCE IS BEING CALLED IN FOR MATTERS OF SECURITY
THERE ARE ONCE AGAIN RUMORS OF THE ARMED ORGANIZATION OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXTREMISTS WHICH ARE CAUSING FEARS OF TERRORISM...
Lives
SUITUDO
PEPSI

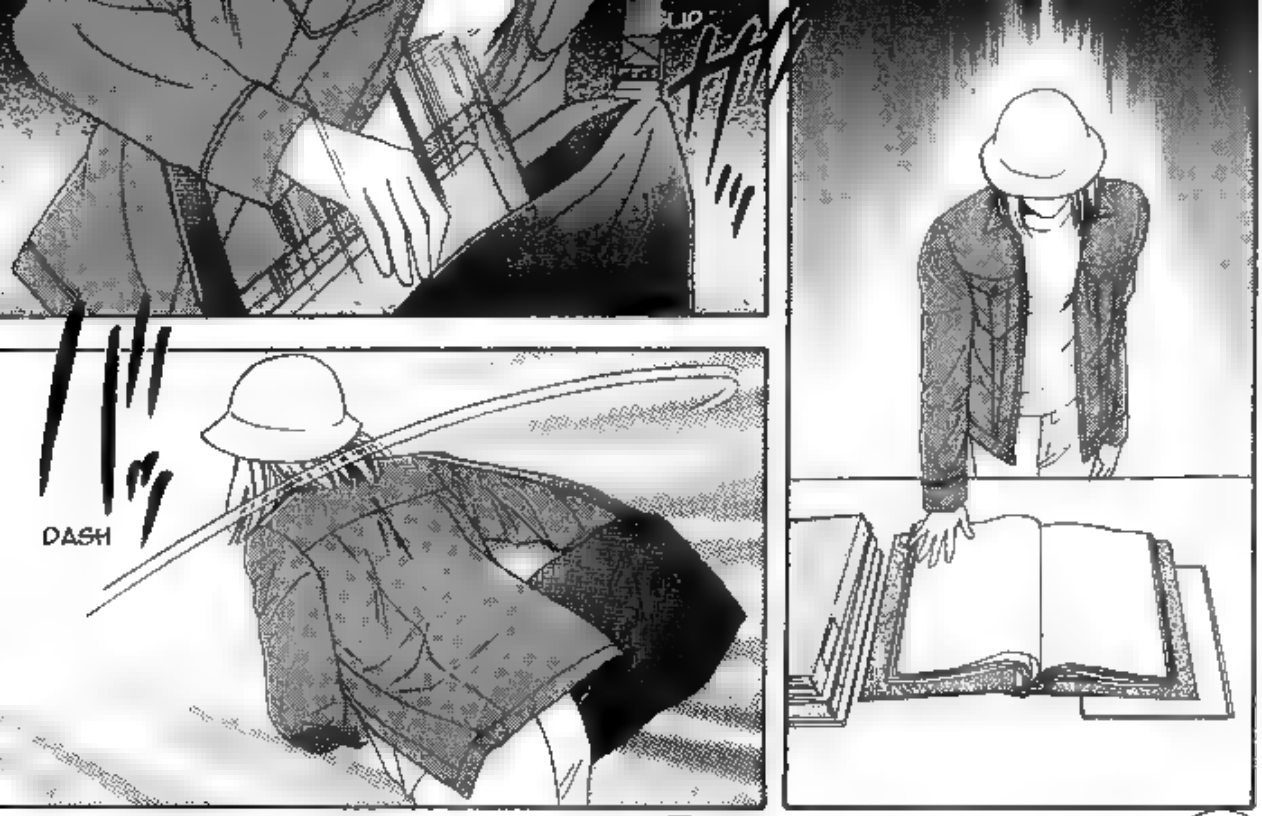

HO CHI MINH MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
IT'S RATHER UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE FROM THE NORTH TO BE SO SUCCESSFUL, SO SHE HAS FEW FRIENDS, BUT..
ON THE OTHER HAND, I THINK THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED A SIGN OF EXCELLENCE
BUT EVEN STILL, I THINK IT'S AMAZING THAT A SUCCESSFUL FOREIGN WRITER WOULD COME TO COVER HER..
MAY I INSPECT DR GWEN'S RESEARCH PAPERS?
YES, OF COURSE !!



A WAY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE PREVENTION OF VIRUSES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

IT'S NOT SOME FICTITIOUS LEGEND NOW

THIS IS THE EXPLOITATION OF SUPER HUMANS.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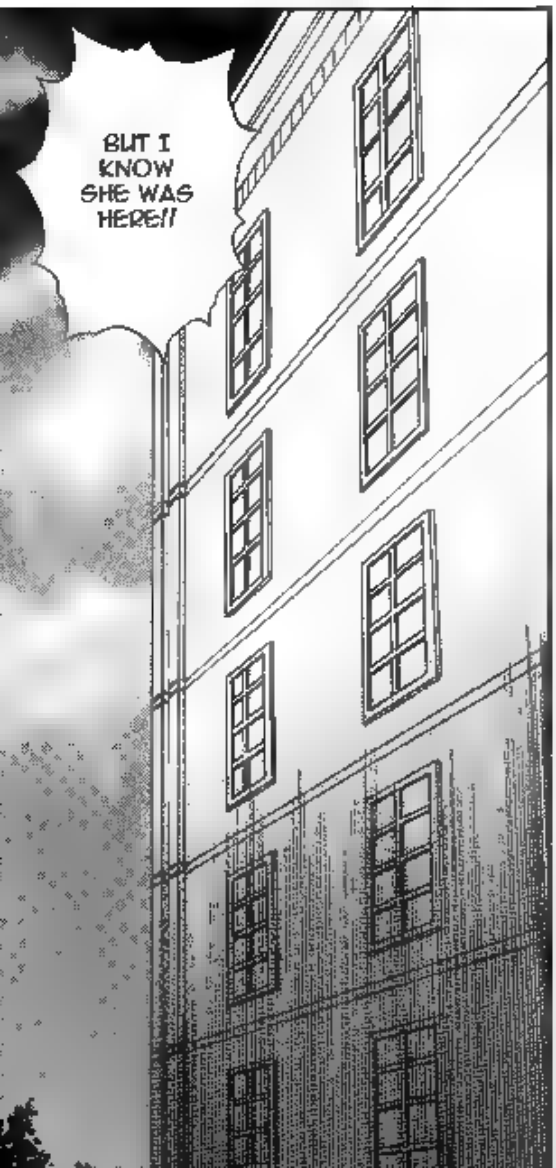
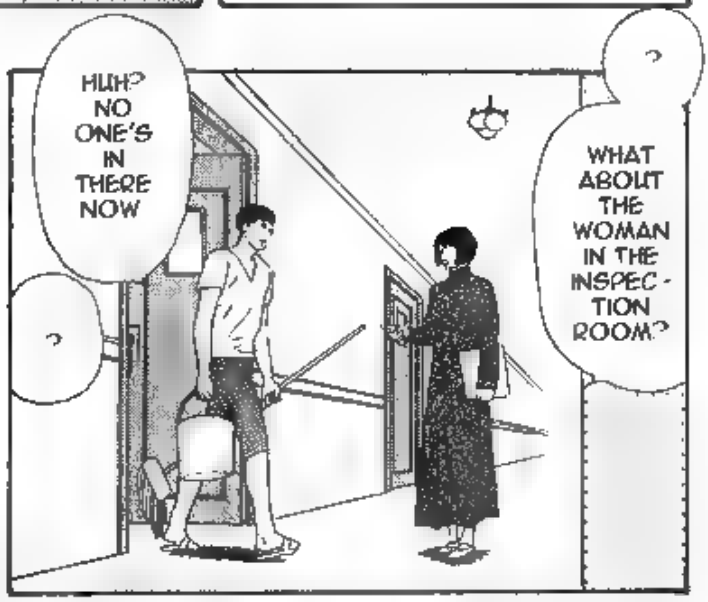
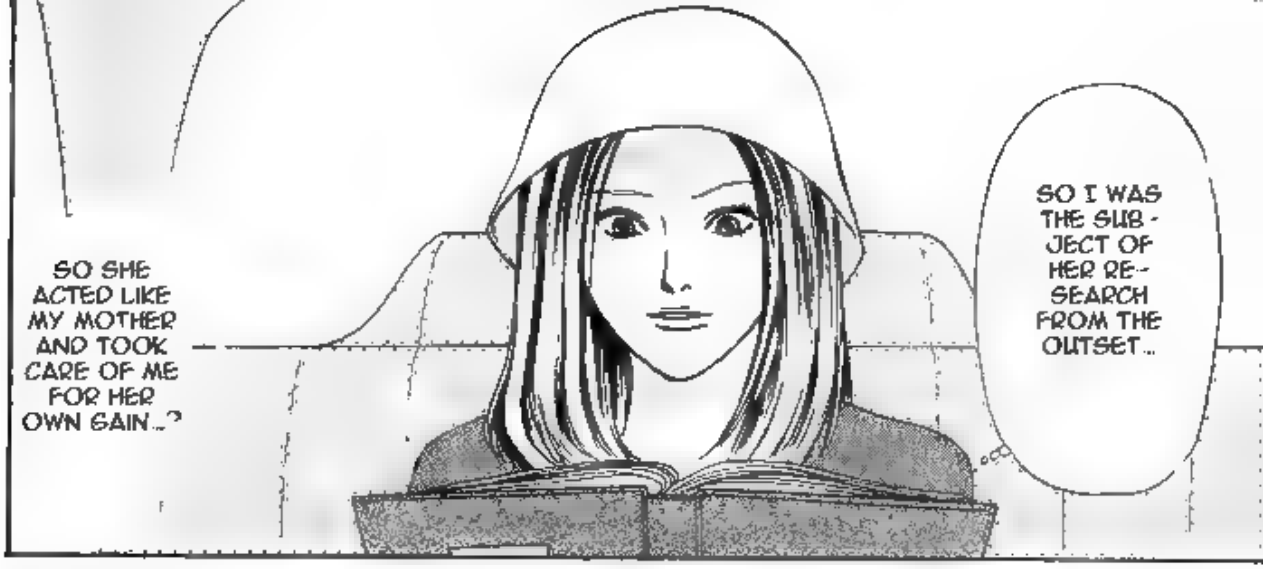

BUT I KNOW SHE WAS HERE!!

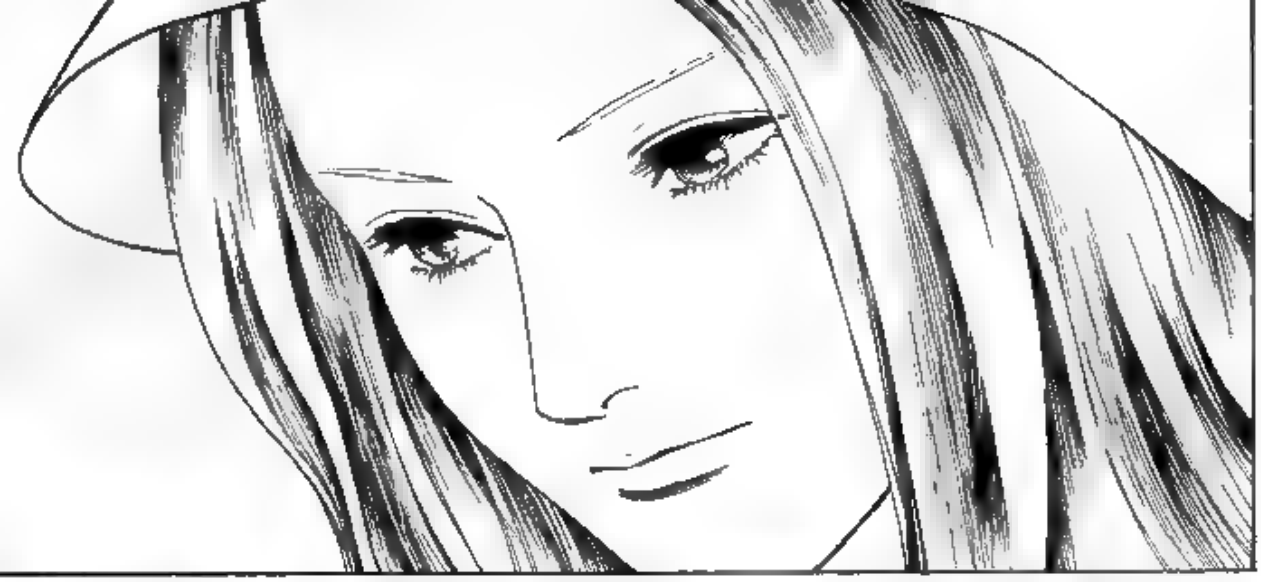

HUH? NO ONE'S IN THERE NOW
WHAT ABOUT THE WOMAN IN THE INSPEC-TION ROOM?

HAHA! THIS IS THE EIGHTH FLOOR! DO YOU THINK SHE JUMPED ?
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY EXIT!

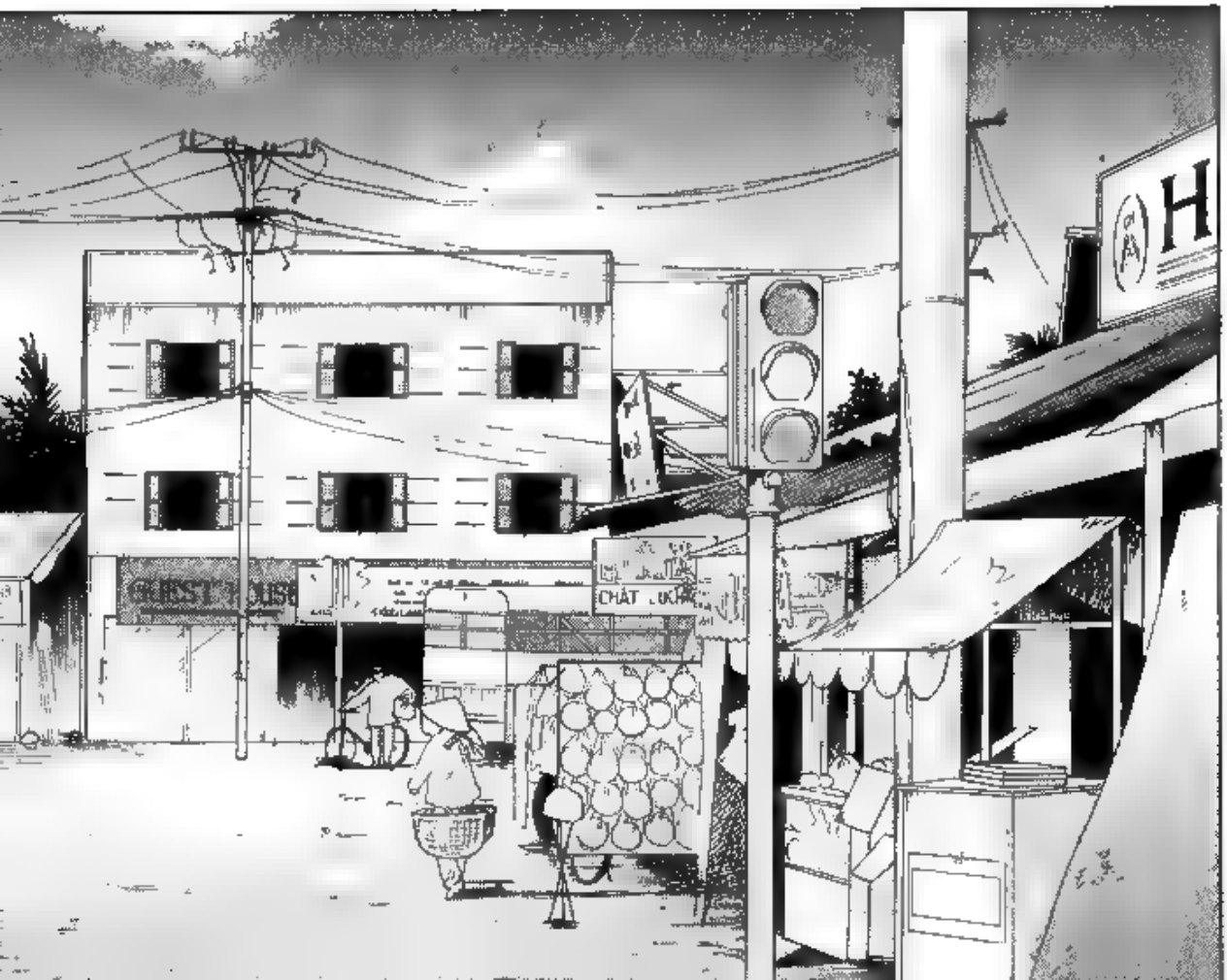


SHE NEVER TALKED ABOUT HER POOR HOME TOWN, BUT..

..IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF ME, HER TRUMP CARD?



I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HER.



O...OH... CLEAN-ING...
YUUJI? WHAT-CHA DOIN'?
WE CAN USE COMPUTERS HERE. THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY HIGH CLASS
I KNOW WE NEED A CHEAP HOTEL, BUT COULDN'T YOU FIND ANYTHING BETTER?
PLEASE REMEMBER TO ACT LIKE A TOURIST
JUST THINK OF ME AS A CHAIR!!
THEN... WHY DON'T YOU SIT ON MY LAP?
IT'S NOT JUST A LITTLE BIT~!!
ISN'T A LITTLE DIRT OKAY?
TH... THERE'S MOLD IN THAT COUCH, IT'S A HOTBED OF BAC-TERIA!!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK AND SIT DOWN FOR A BIT...?

FLAP
FLAP
THAT GUY..
HE'S NOT LIS-TEN-ING, IS HE?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN GET BY WITH SIMPLE ENGLISH...ONCE WE CHANGE OUR MONEY WE NEED TO BUY TOWELS AND TOOTH-BRUSHES...
DO WE NEED ALL THAT?
WE DO!
HUH?
MINATO?
DID HE GET LOST?

YUUJI
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A...
PRES-ENT...
YOU GOT SOME-THING...
FOR ME?
THIS IS...
YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING,
BUT YOU ALWAYS WORE OLD CLOTHES BACK HOME.
THAT'S BE-CAUSE... I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT CLOTHES...
YOU SHOULD WEAR NEW CLOTHES ONCE IN A WHILE!

...I ALWAYS WON-DERED WHY..
I'LL TREA-SURE IT!!
THANK YOU!!

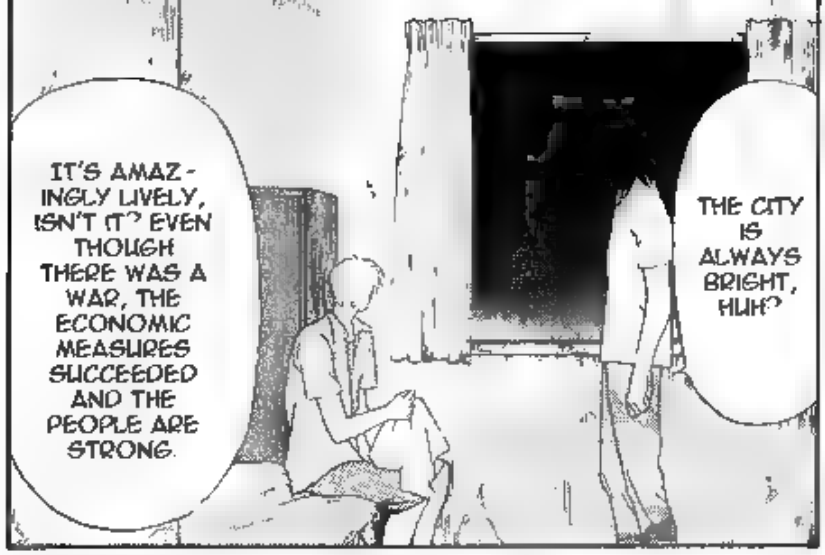
...MINATO
IT'S TO SEE THEIR PARTNER'S SMILING FACE
I THINK I UN-DER-STAND NOW
HUMAN MALES GIVE THINGS TO FE-MALES, BUT..

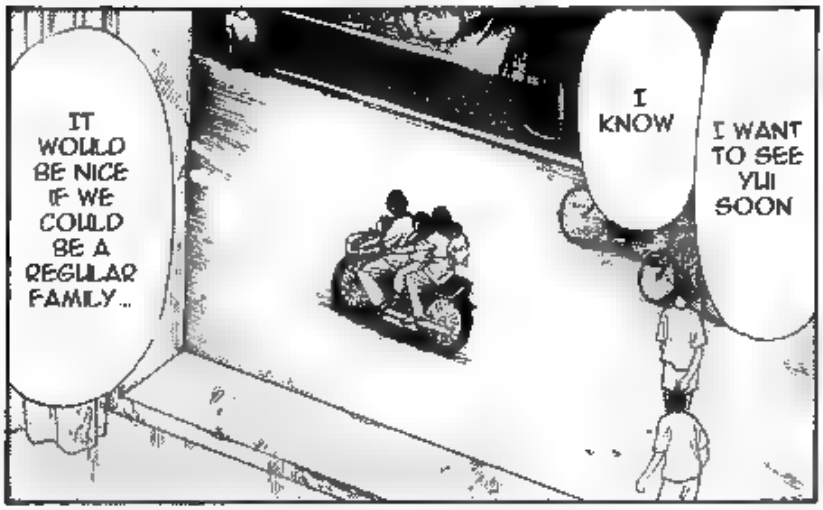
WHAT?
I WONDER.. IF I'LL GET LUCKY TONIGHT
NOTHING! NOTHING
THANK YOU... REALLY ..

I'M GLAD YOU GOT OVER THE BORDER SAFELY! !
I FORGOT THAT WED- DINGS WERE SUCH A PAIN!!
OVER HERE I'M TIED UP WITH EX- CHANGING GIFTS BE- TWEEN FAMI- LIES FOR MY DAUGHTER'S WEDDING...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE PREPARA- TIONS ARE JUST ABOUT DONE.
SO?
DID YOU FIND THE RELATIONS WITHIN VIET- NAM THAT WERE ON THAT DISK WE COPIED AT THE FA- CILITY.
OH YEAH
THERE WAS ALSO A LIST OF RELATED FACILITIES WITHIN VIET- NAM.
THERE WAS A LIST OF GROVER INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES

THERE IS APPARENTLY AN UNIDENTIFIED ARMED GROUP THAT IS TRADING WEAPONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE MAFIA.
THE VIETNAMESE MAFIA, HUH..?
THERE'S NO POSITIVE PROOF, BUT...THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF IMMIGRATION FROM THE CHINESE MAINLAND
I'LL SEND AN E-MAIL WITH THE DETAILS NOW...AND ON THE TOPIC OF DINOSAUROIDS...
AT ANY RATE, THEY HAVE A SURPLUS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND LABOR, AND VIETNAM IS JUST WAITING FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT

WE CAN HELP MOBILIZATION WITHIN THIS COUNTRY AND THERE'S A CHANCE WE COULD BE UNIFIED IN THE FUTURE...
IF THERE ARE PEOPLE OF THE CHINESE BLOOD AMONG THEM, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE WE CAN STRIKE UP A DIALOGUE WITH THEM.


IT'S AMAZINGLY LIVELY, ISN'T IT? EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A WAR, THE ECONOMIC MEASURES SUCCEEDED AND THE PEOPLE ARE STRONG.
THE CITY IS ALWAYS BRIGHT, HUH?


IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD BE A REGULAR FAMILY...
I KNOW
I WANT TO SEE YUI SOON

BUT BY THAT HE ONLY MEANT BEING A GOOD RESEARCHER ...AND GETTING MARRIED, AND TAKING A TRADITIONAL ROLE IN SOCIETY...
I REMEMBERED MY FATHER TELLING ME TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY...
I'VE BEEN HAVING A LOT OF DREAMS OF BEING A PARENT RECENTLY, BUT...

I THINK I'VE GAINED JUST A LITTLE BIT OF CONFI-DENCE.
AND YUI.
BUT NOW I HAVE YOU.
AND I'VE STOPPED THINKING OF MYSELF AS MISERABLE AS I USED TO.
HUG
MINATO!!
WILL YOU LET ME DO IT?

A STORY PLEASE!!
WAH...!

HAA
HAA
HAA
THRUST
MINATO..
I...I CAN'T..
AAH!
NN..

...NN!

WE OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT LATER TONIGHT THERE WILL BE A WEAPONS EXCHANGE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY
WILL YOU COME WITH ME TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THE BLOOD WILL BE PRESENT?

HEY SHEN! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!?
WE'RE BUSY HERE!!

ONCE I'M DONE HERE
GOT IT. I'M GOING WITH YOU.
MINATO!?
AH!
CREAK
AH!
...!
CREAK
HOW WAS IT? DO YOU LIKE BEING LOOKED AT WHILE YOU GO AT IT?
WHAT?

I WAS HURT AND EMBARR-ASSED... HOW COULD I BE TURNED ON!?
HOW... HOW COULD I BE TURNED ON?
SHUT UP! YOU WERE TURNED ON, WEREN'T YOU!?
I DON'T... WANT TO DO THAT IN FRONT OF... PEOPLE...
WHY ARE YOU... DOING THIS TO ME?!
WHY...
DO YOU KNOW...
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GO INSANE!!
HOW I FELT WHEN I SAW THOSE THUGS BANGING YOU!?
MINATO!
I'LL BE BACK.

YUU..
LET'S NOT.. FIGHT, OKAY?
I'LL BE WAITING.. FOR YOUR RETURN, SO..
SLAM
I'M SORRY..
FOR MAKING YOU DO IT..

I DID TELL YOU WE WANT TO AVOID POLICE IN-VOLVEMENT, DIDN'T I?

YOU'RE... JEALOUS, AREN'T YOU?
THIS WILL STIMULATE OTHER ALLIES TO COME FOR-WARD
POLICE? YOU COULD HAVE MEN-TIONED THAT EARLIER!!

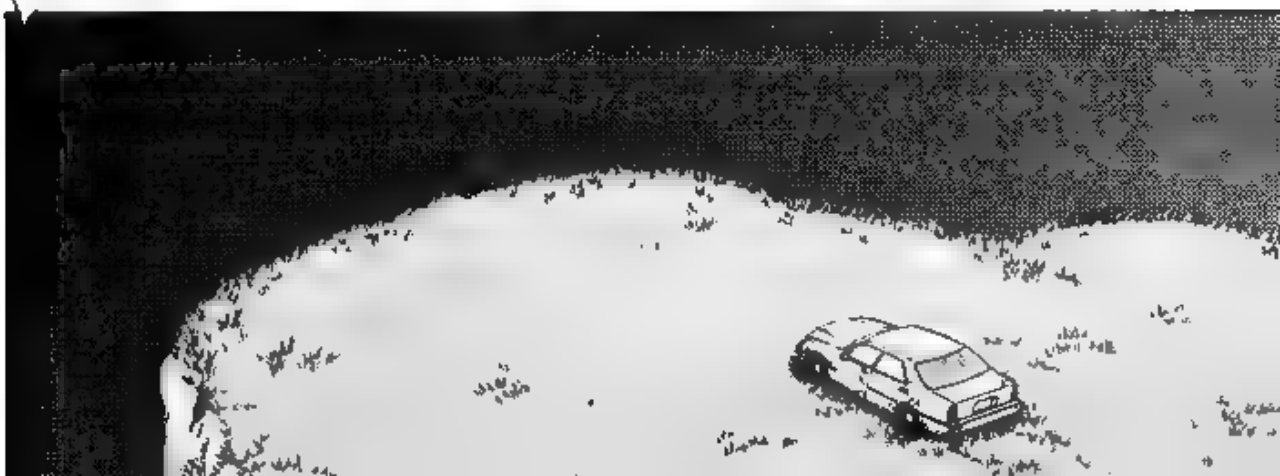
THE ONLY ONE HE'LL OPEN UP HIS BODY TO IS ME.
EVEN IF YOU CAN HURT YUUJI,
HE'LL NEVER HAPPILY ACCEPT BEING IN YOUR ARMS.
JEAL-OUS...? ME...?

MY CHILD.
BUT THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT AYUKAWA-SAN IS CARRYING...

THAT'S TRUE...
...I GUESS.

BWAHAHA
OF COURSE NOT! I'M THE ONE WHO TURNS HIM ON, YOU KNOW!?
HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T SHOW ME THE SIDE HE SHOWS YOU.

We've arrived.
...YOU BASTARD!!



I WONDER...HOW MANY MEN TOUCHED ME...THAT NIGHT...?
OW...
...
UH...
URGH!
They're here!!
Leave it! And you stop provoking him!!
DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO FORGIVE YOU SO EASILY!!

HE'S ONE OF THE BLOOD
THAT GUY'S FREAKING HUGE...

WAIT
SHOULD WE INTERVENE?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE EXCHANGE IS STARTING.

I ASSUME THAT WAS YOUR DOING.
TWO OF MY MEN WERE KILLED AND EATEN TONIGHT IN HO CHI MINH.
YOU BUNCH OF SCUM.
WE FOUND OUT THAT YOU HUMANS WERE SELLING US OUT TO THE POLICE
YOU BASTARD!!
I'M CALLING YOU MAFIA THAT WE'RE ALLOWING TO LIVE SCUM!
DON'T YOU GET IT?
WHAT!?
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はは

ROAR
BANG
BANG

ROAR
ROAR
YUUJI!!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
!!
THUMP

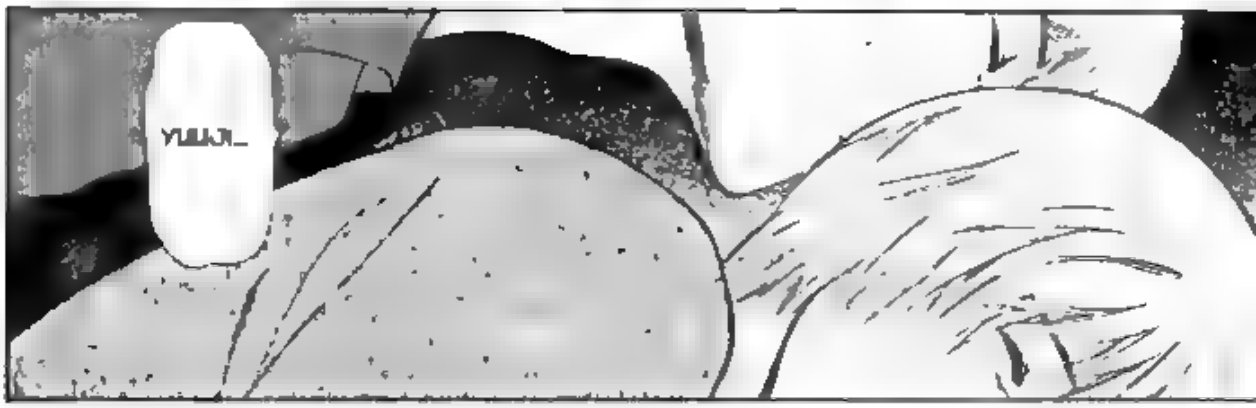
I'LL BE FINE... UM...
IN MY LUGGAGE... THERE'S STABILIZATION MEDICINE... AND STOMACH MEDICINE... AND SOME HORMONES...
I STARTED FEELING BAD WHEN I WAS TAKING MY SHOWER...
YOU'RE AS WHITE AS A SHEET! HEY!
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU TAKEN...
ALL THAT !?
ROAR
EEEK!!

SNAP
POP
ACK!!
GRAB
SPLURT
IT'S A BIT LATE NOW
SHOULDN'T WE STOP THIS!?
THIS IS TER-RIBLE
KILL THEM!!
MON-STERS!
BANG BANG BANG

ROAR

MINATO!!
I'M STOPPING THEM.
THEY'RE THE MAFIA!!
IT'S EASY TO KILL PEOPLE! WHAT I'M DOING ISN'T!!
!

I DEFINITELY... BETRAYED YOU AND MINATO...
OR MAYBE... HE COULD BE... PREG-NANT...?
I HEARD THAT AFTER THINGS LIKE THAT PSY-CHOLOGICAL TRAUMA CAN OCCUR, BUT...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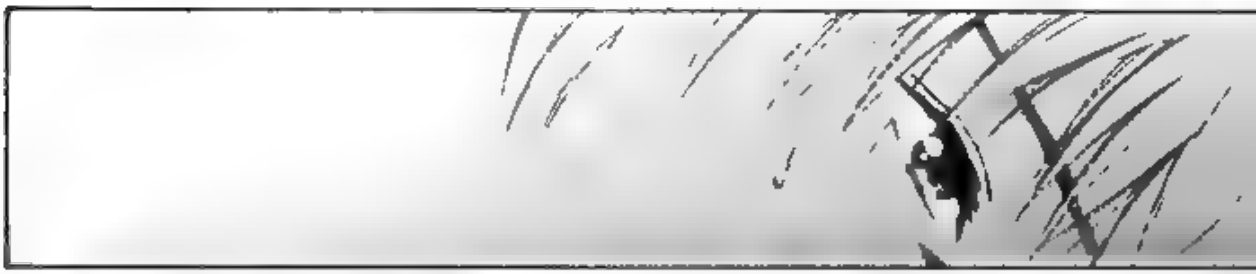

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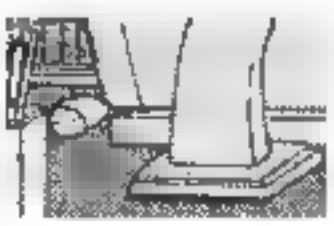

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杉本亜未

PROFILE

杉本亜未【すぎもとあみ】

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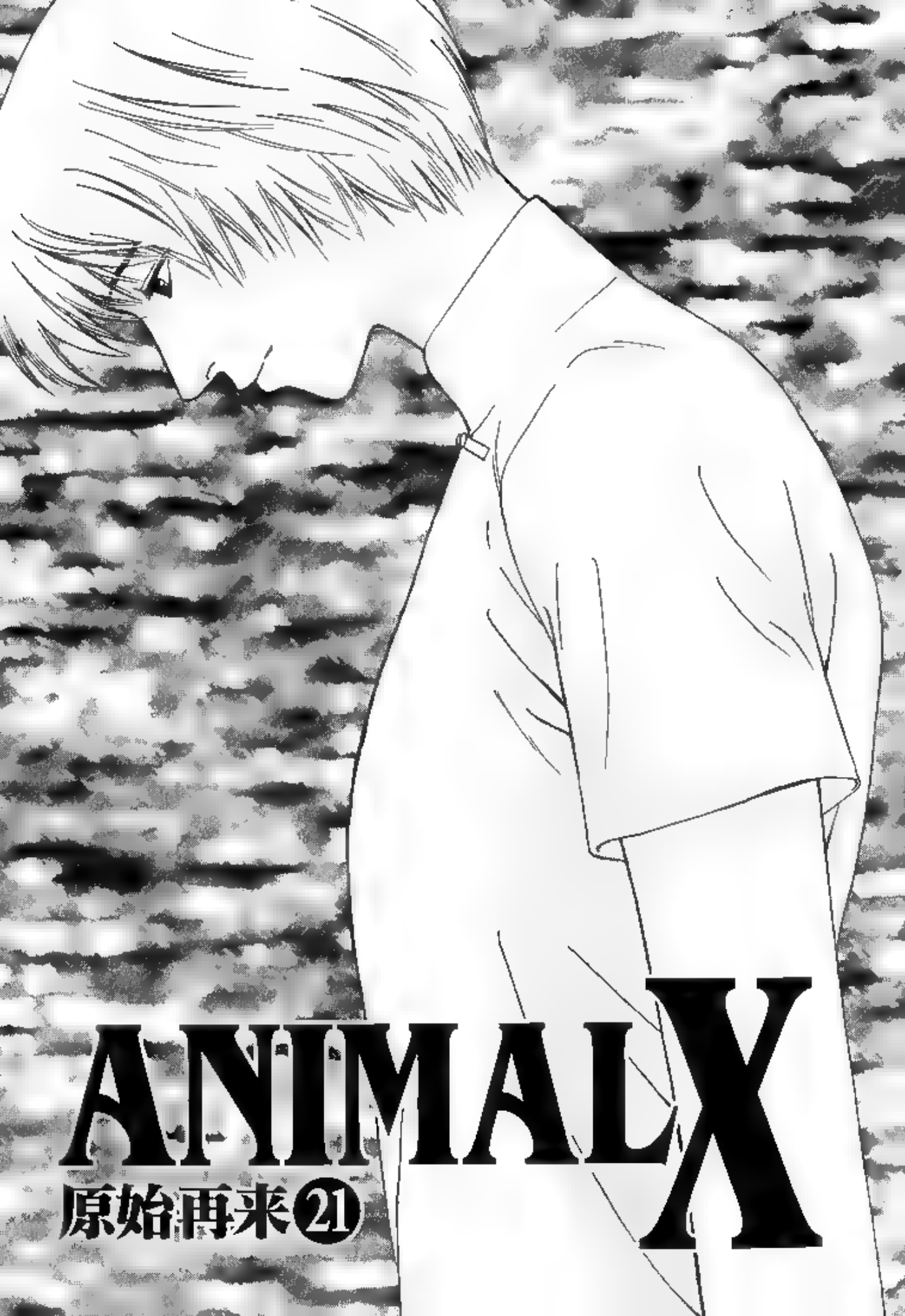
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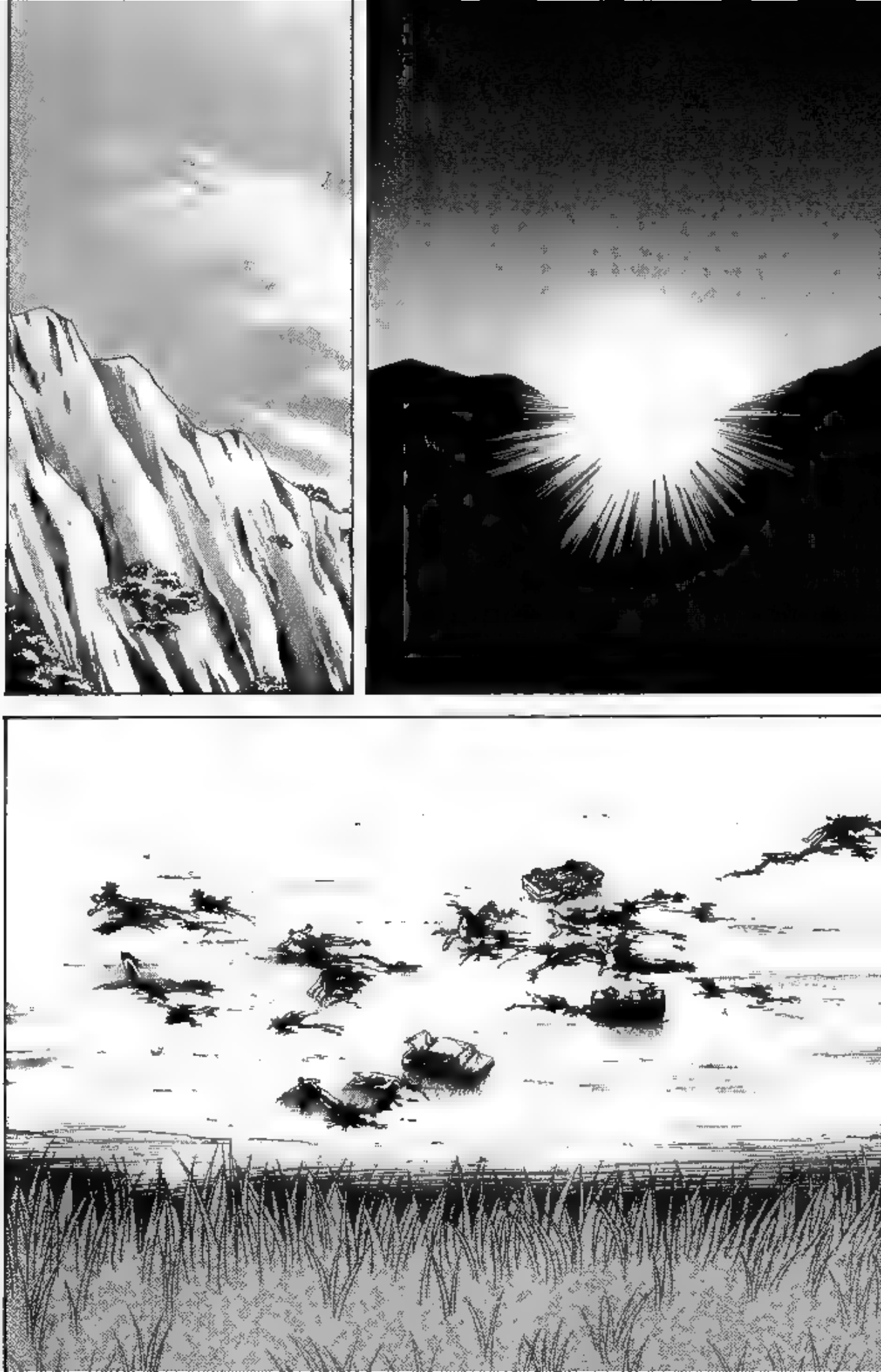
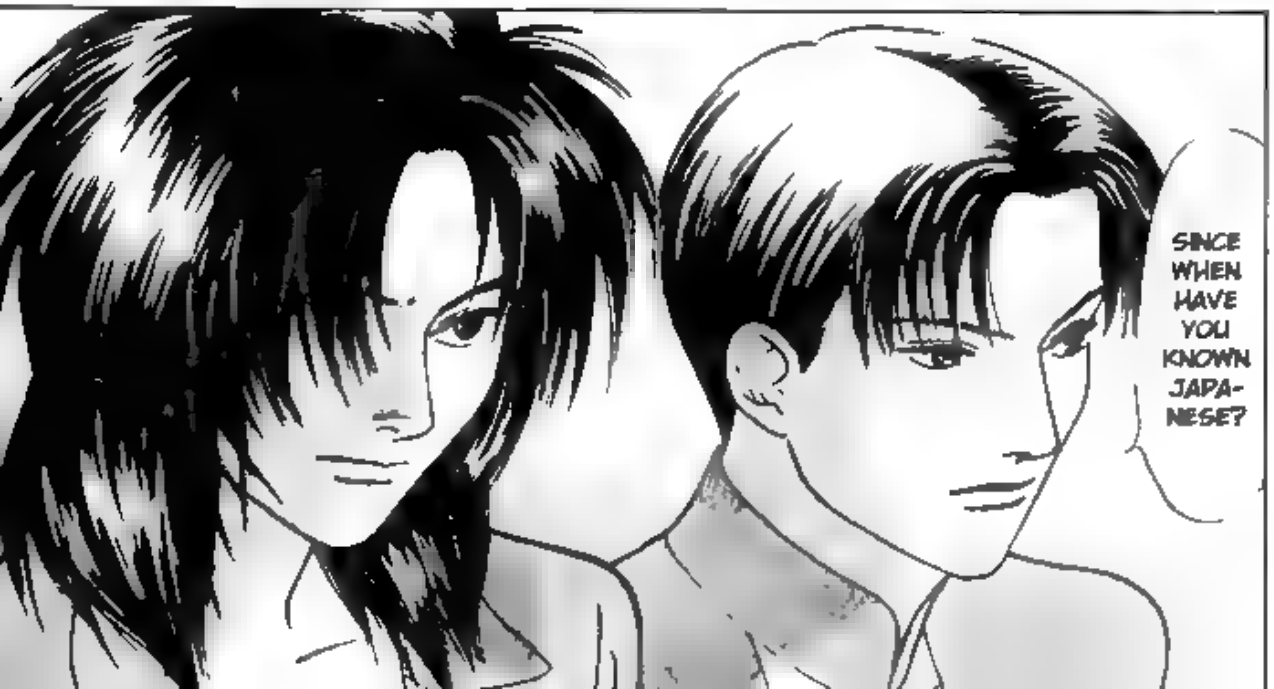


I HEAR THAT OUR ANCESTORS CAME FROM CHINA.
NICE TO MEET YOU, BROTHERS. I'M DUOC HAN.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO VIETNAM.
IS THAT RIGHT?


SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU KNOWN JAPA-NESE?

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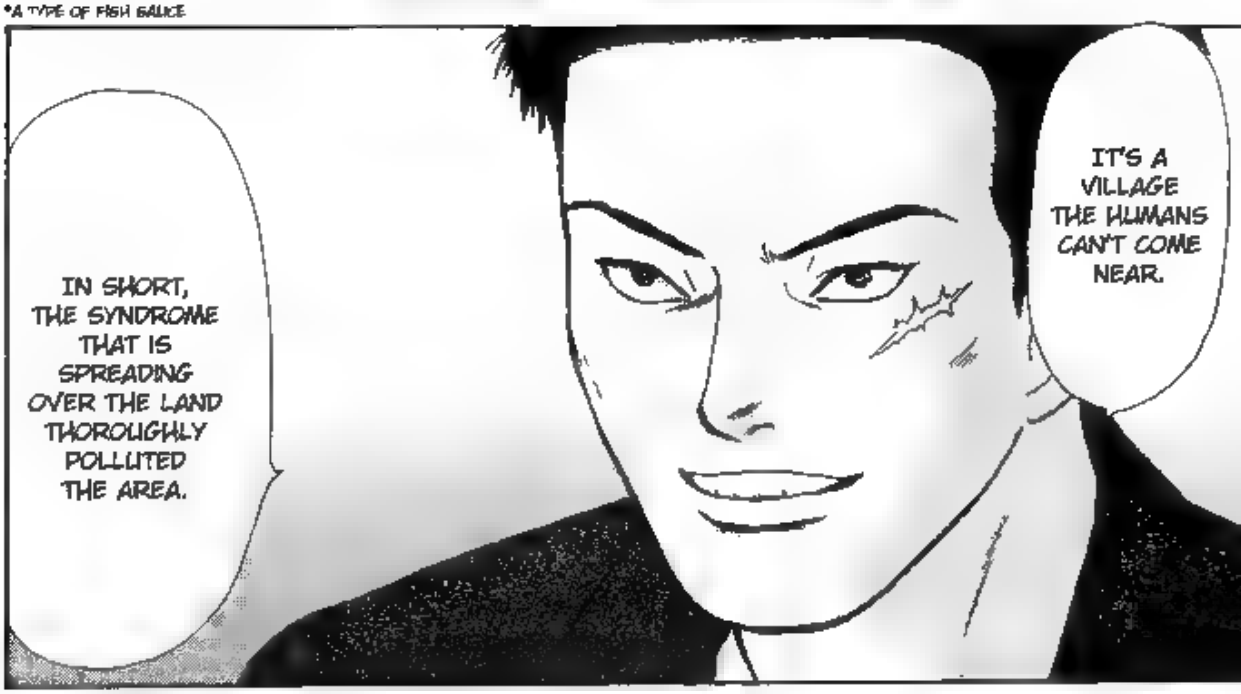

IT'S A VILLAGE THE HUMANS CAN'T COME NEAR.
IN SHORT, THE SYNDROME THAT IS SPREADING OVER THE LAND THOROUGHLY POLLUTED THE AREA.

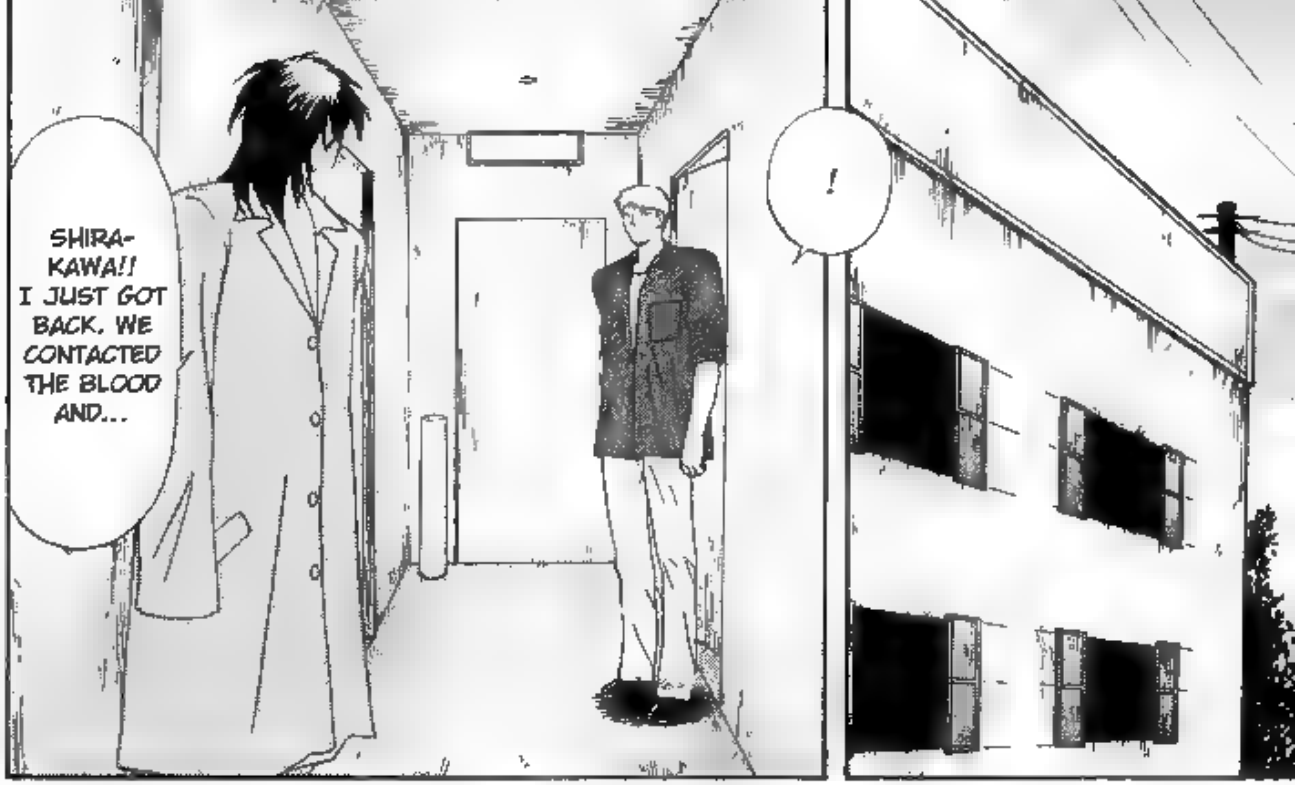
WHY DID YOU TRY TO GET IN THE WAY OF US DISPOSING OF THE HUMAN FILTH?
THEN WHY, MINATO!?
IT'S MINATO!!
MY NAME IS NOT "BOY!"

SUFFER.
THEIR FAMILIES—
WHEN HUMANS DIE...

ONCE THEY'RE DEAD... THEY'RE GONE FOREVER.
BUT,
WHY SHOULD I CARE IF SOME SAP I'VE NEVER MET IS SAD?
IT'S THE PRIVILEGE OF THE STRONG TO KILL THE WEAK, THAT'S LIFE.

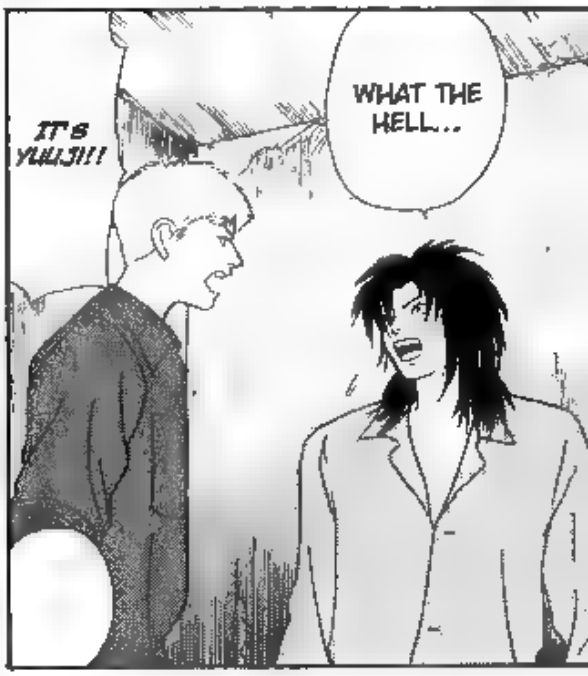
I GUESS I COULD HELP GET YOUR DAUGHTER BACK.
. . .
YOU DON'T SAY? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE BACKBONE— I LIKE YOU.
I'LL GIVE YOU A TOUR OF OUR HIDEOUT TOMORROW... BUT,
REMEMBER, WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO HUMANS!!

WE HAVE TO TELL THEM ABOUT AYUKAWA-SAN AT SOME POINT
SHALL WE RECOMMEND HIM FOR BREEDING PURPOSES AS OPPOSED TO CONSUMPTION PURPOSES?
—
GROVER INDUSTRY'S STOCK HAS SOARED IN VALUE TO NEW HEIGHTS
FUCKING IDIOT.
SHUT UP.


SHIRA-KAWA!! I JUST GOT BACK. WE CONTACTED THE BLOOD AND...
!

?
COME!! WE NEED TO TALK!

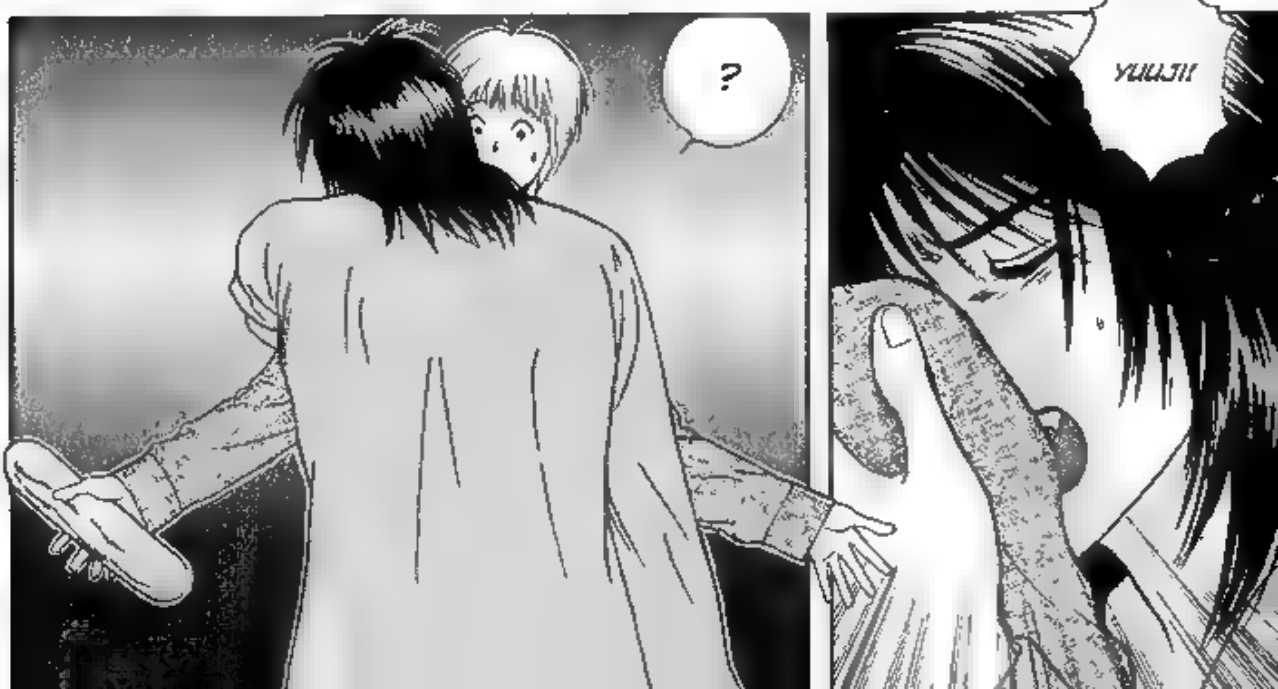
HE TOOK A LOT OF MEDICINE... THAT'S ALL THAT'S SUP-PORTING HIS WEAKENED BODY!!
SO HE'S SLEEPING IN MY ROOM RIGHT NOW...
HE WAS PALE AND PASSED OUT LAST NIGHT,


IT'S YUUJI!!
WHAT THE HELL...

I GAVE UP ON HIM!!
SO YOU'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF HIM!!
YUUJI DID WHAT...?
...THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT!!
SHIRA-KAWA...
YUUJI...
GREAT

THERE WERE CLOTHES THAT NEEDED MENDING.
I HEARD YOU PASSED OUT. ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT OF BED!?
MINATO!!

ARE YOU HUNGRY? I'VE GOT SOME BREAD, DO YOU WANT SOME?
DON'T...! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, FOOL!!
YOUR ARM CAME OFF, HUH? LET ME PUT IT BACK ON FOR YOU.


?
YUUJI!

...WHAT YOU WANTED?
YOU HELPED ME DO WHAT I WANTED.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!! YOU GAVE ME YUI AFTER ALL.
I...
I MAKE YOU DO THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO DO,
YOU'RE ALWAYS WAITING FOR ME,

I WASN'T ABLE TO SAVE MY FIRST CHILD, BUT I THOUGHT THAT SOMEDAY I'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR SOCIETY.
I ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR EYE AND ARM... BUT I BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT HOW THAT SAME TECHNOLOGY COULD BE USED TO HELP THE CRIPPLED AND ELDERLY...
WHEN TAKATORI-SAN AND I SNUCK INTO THE FOUNDATION FACILITY WE SAW WHAT THEY USED TO MAKE ARTIFICIAL ARMS AND LEGS.

HUH? WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
YOU'RE AMAZING, YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING
I MEAN, YOU'RE NOT DISCOURAGED AT ALL. AND YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING...
THAT'S WHY... I WANT TO DO PROSTHETICS RESEARCH IN THE FUTURE.
YUUJI. YOU'RE AMAZING.
IT'S FUNNY, ISN'T IT? THAT MEETING ONE PERSON COULD GIVE ME SO MUCH...
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL... IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU I WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO THINK OF DOING SUCH THINGS.

EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T RUN A NORMAL HOUSEHOLD
I THINK WE'RE FINE THE WAY WE ARE...
REALLY HAVE MUCH MONEY BUT I FEEL WE'RE WELL OFF IN OUR OWN WAY
N-NO DON'T...

BUT...
STOP TAKING SO MANY MEDS.
JUST STOP.
MINATO?
I... EVEN SURPRISED MYSELF
I TRIED TO STOP A MASSACRE THIS MORNING.
I'VE CHANGED TOO... SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR ME.

I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU...
.....
OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BLOOD ARE DONE FOR NOW. WE'LL TALK LATER TONIGHT.
I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON AYUKAWA -SAN.
I NEVER WILL

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS GATHERED HERE TODAY.
HERE IS THE HEAD RESEARCHER WHO HAS JUST RECENTLY ASSUMED HER POSITION, DOCTOR GWEN.
THIS IS A DIORAMA OF THE NEW GROVER INDUSTRIES BUILDING. IN TWO DAYS THE CONSTRUCTION CEREMONY SHALL TAKE PLACE.
FOR A SHINING NEW FUTURE FOR ASIA!!
LET US FOCUS OUR INTERESTS ON MERGING WITH LOCAL COMPANIES FOR CONSTRUCTION!!
CLAD
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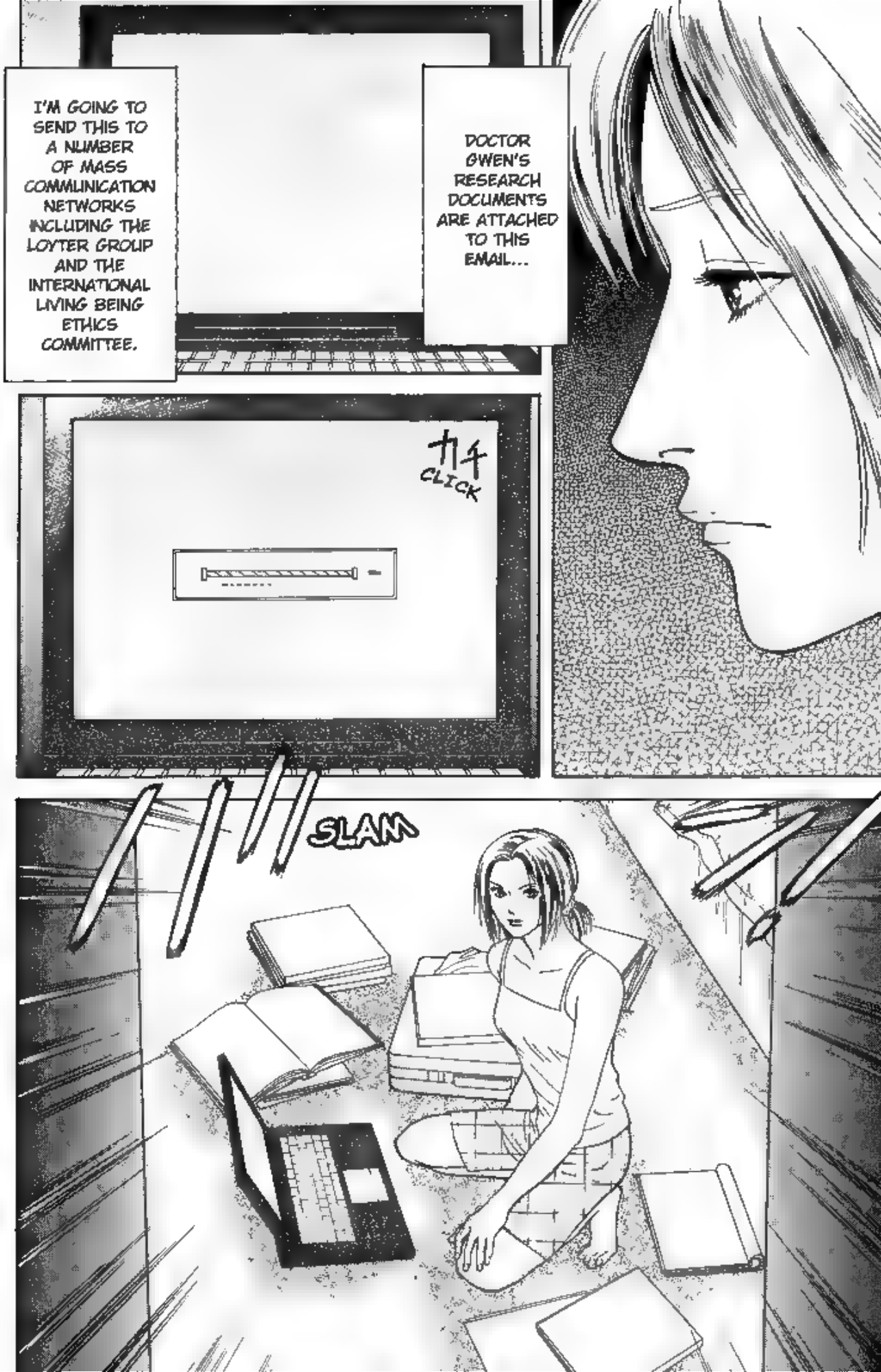
CLAD

THE ATTACHMENTS IN THESE EMAILS PROVE THAT THESE MATERIALS ARE THE REAL THING.

THE SCIENTIST GWEN BAN MIN, A SCIENTIST AT GROVER INDUSTRIES, PROCEEDED TO TRANSPLANT DINOSAUROID TISSUE FOR THE SAKE OF PROGRESS OF HUMAN KIND.
AS AN ORPHAN HERE IN VIETNAM I WAS A HUMAN EXPERIMENT.


I'M GOING TO SEND THIS TO A NUMBER OF MASS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS INCLUDING THE LOYTER GROUP AND THE INTERNATIONAL LIVING BEING ETHICS COMMITTEE.
DOCTOR GWEN'S RESEARCH DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL...
CLICK
SLAM

WE KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND ENGLISH. YOU ARE UNDER SUSPICION OF ENTERING THE COUNTRY ON A FORGED VISA AND STEALING RESEARCH MATERIALS FROM A UNIVERSITY!!
!?
THIS IS THE POLICE. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!!
IT CAN'T BE. DID THEY...?
HOW DID THEY FIND ME?
LEAP
!!
DON'T MOVE!!

INCONCEIVABLE!! THIS IS THE FOURTH FLOOR!
!

THIS IS HER WORK.
IT'S MOTHER.

HOW IS SHE TRACKING ME?
BUT...

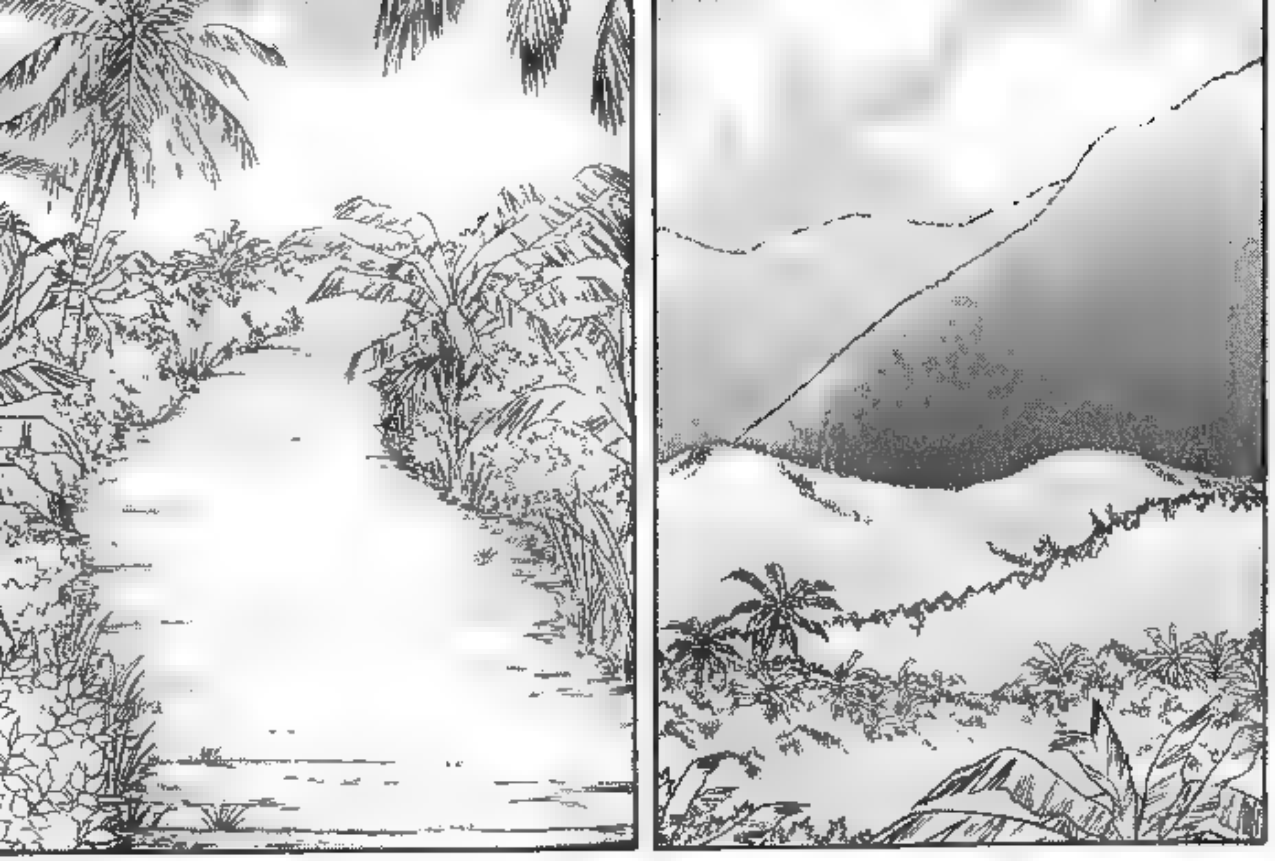
YOU HAVE TO GET UP SOON... WE'RE HEADING OUT TONIGHT, RIGHT?
MINATO!

HUH!?
YOU'RE KIND OF... DAZZLING...
DAZZ-LING!?
D-DO I LOOK WEIRD IN THIS?
? IS IT WEIRD?
THAT YOU'RE MINE.
I'M SO HAPPY...
MINATO...

HEY!
YOU'RE LATE. WE'VE BEEN...
!
YOU LOOK LOVELY TODAY.
THAT OUTFIT TRULY...
SHOWS OFF HOW SLENDER YOU ARE.
IDIOT!! YUUJI'S PRETTY WITHOUT THEM!!
JUST COME SEE HIM WHEN I'M DOING HIM SOMETIME! YOU'LL SEE HOW PRETTY HE IS!!
M-M-MINATO!!
? DOING IT WITH ME ISN'T EMBARRASSING, RIGHT, YUUJI?
IT IS TOO!
WHY?

TELL ME WHY!!
BECAUSE...
THAT'S...
UH... UM...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THEY ONLY WANT TO SHOW TO THEIR MOST PRECIOUS PEOPLE.
SHIRA-KAWA!
THAT'S JUST HOW HUMANS ARE.
RIGHT?

TO THE POINT I'M JEALOUS.
BUT YOU DO LOOK NICE TODAY.
UM... WELL...
THINK SO...
I DON'T...



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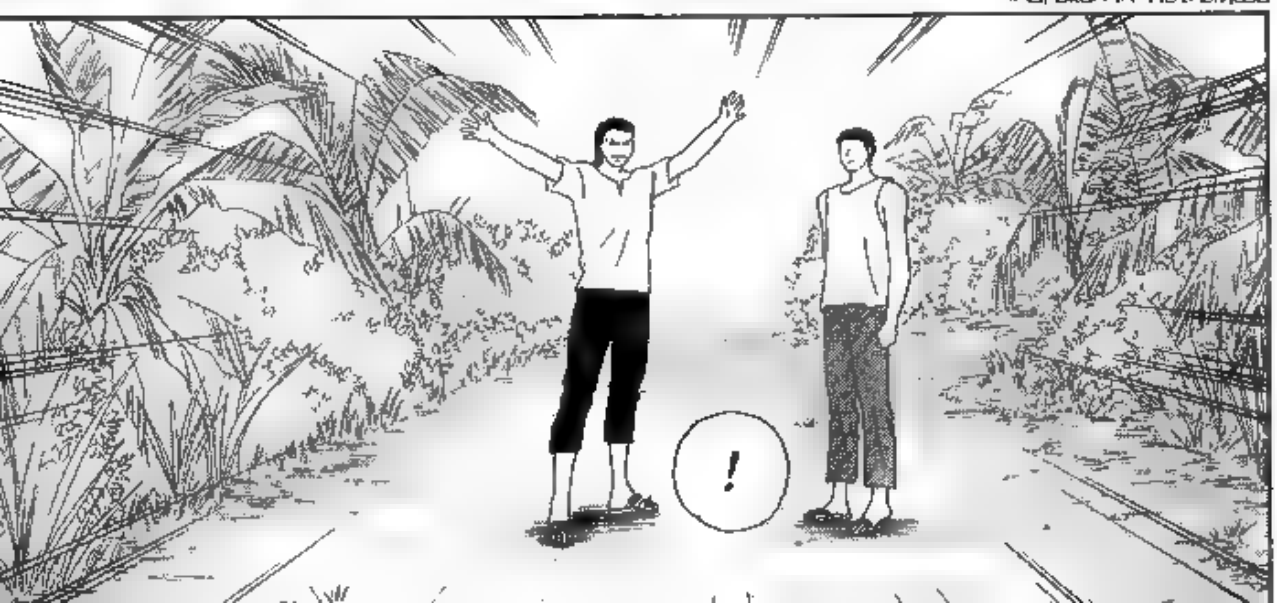


ARE YOU HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, BOY?

HA! NO WAY.

WE'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY FROM HERE.
IS IT OKAY TO TRUST YOU?

WOW, THIS IS SURE SOME-THING. .
IT'S A VILLAGE SET UP IN AN AREA ABANDONED AFTER THE WAR.

SHEN LONG!! MINATO!!
COME IN AN' HAVE A SEAT!!
!
MY DAUGHTER... WAS CONCEIVED BETWEEN YUUJI HERE AND ME.
I WAS THINKING SOMETHING STANK...
YOU'VE GOT A HUMAN WITH YOU.

CLAMOR
EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THIS!!
NOW JUST A MINUTE!!
HEY, HUMAN!!

YES, EVERYTHING AT THE VIETNAM FACILITY IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.
MY DAUGHTER SLIPPED AWAY FROM US, BUT DO NOT WORRY.

IN OTHER NEWS...
LINEA CANNOT BE CAUGHT BY NORMAL HUMANS, SO... YES, THAT WILL DO.
UPON DECODING THE GENOME OF THE "DAUGHTER OF THE DRAGON," WE HAVE FOUND THAT SHE IS OF HIGH BREEDING QUALITY.
IT TURNS OUT THAT THE "MOTHER" THAT ENDO CHEMICAL MADE WENT BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.
...IS THAT RIGHT? GOOD WORK.
HOWEVER, THE MATTER AT HAND IS...
WE CAN'T GO ON WAITING FOR THE TERRORISTS OPPOSING OUR CORPORATION TO STRIKE LIKE WE ARE NOW.
WE NEED TO LAND A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE ON THE ORGANIZATIONS PLOTTING AN ARMED UPRISING.

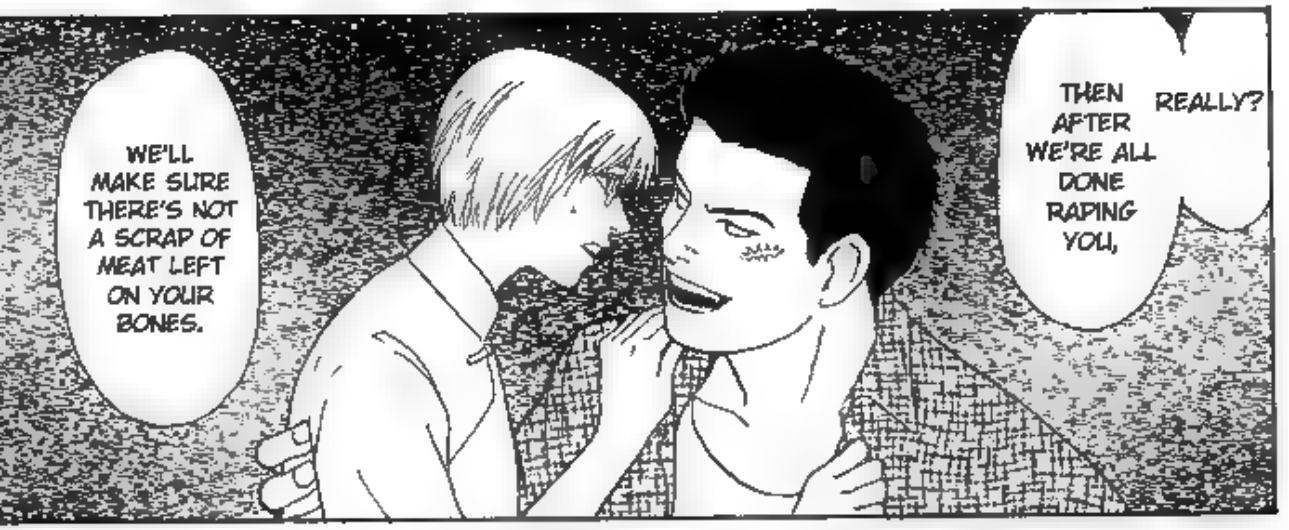
WHEN I WAS OVERCOME BY SADNESS AND BETRAYAL, I DESPAIRED MY HUMANITY.
BUT NOW I CAN BECOME SOMETHING BETTER.
WE ARE IMPLEMENTING THE UTMOST MEASURES, LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN.
I CAN... BECOME STRONG ENOUGH NOT TO LOSE TO ANYONE.

C'MERE!
TRADE?
WE'LL TRADE
IS THAT RIGHT. . I'VE HEARD THIS GUY'S STORY,
BUT...
IS IT OKAY TO KILL THIS THING?
!!
ONCE WE'VE RESCUED YOUR DAUGHTER,
FOR THE SAKE OF THE BLOOD!
WHY WOULD YOU...
BASTARD!

WHEN YOU MIX BLOOD WITH HUMANS THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN. IT COULD DISRUPT THE HARMONY BETWEEN OUR RACES.
WE CAN'T LET THIS THING LIVE. IT'S OKAY TO LET YOUR DAUGHTER LIVE AS LONG AS SHE'S UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY THE BLOOD, BUT...
THIS... WE WANT TO GET RID OF.

BASTARD!!
MINATO!

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR TRADE!!
IF YOUR PEOPLE REALLY BRING MY DAUGHTER BACK...
P-PLEASE LISTEN!!
I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU, I'M TALKING TO YOUR OWNER.
UH... UM...


WE'LL MAKE SURE THERE'S NOT A SCRAP OF MEAT LEFT ON YOUR BONES.
THEN AFTER WE'RE ALL DONE RAPING YOU,
REALLY?

THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE IT'LL DO.
HUMAN MEAT IS FATTY AND THEIR ENTRAILS DON'T TASTE TOO GREAT, BUT..

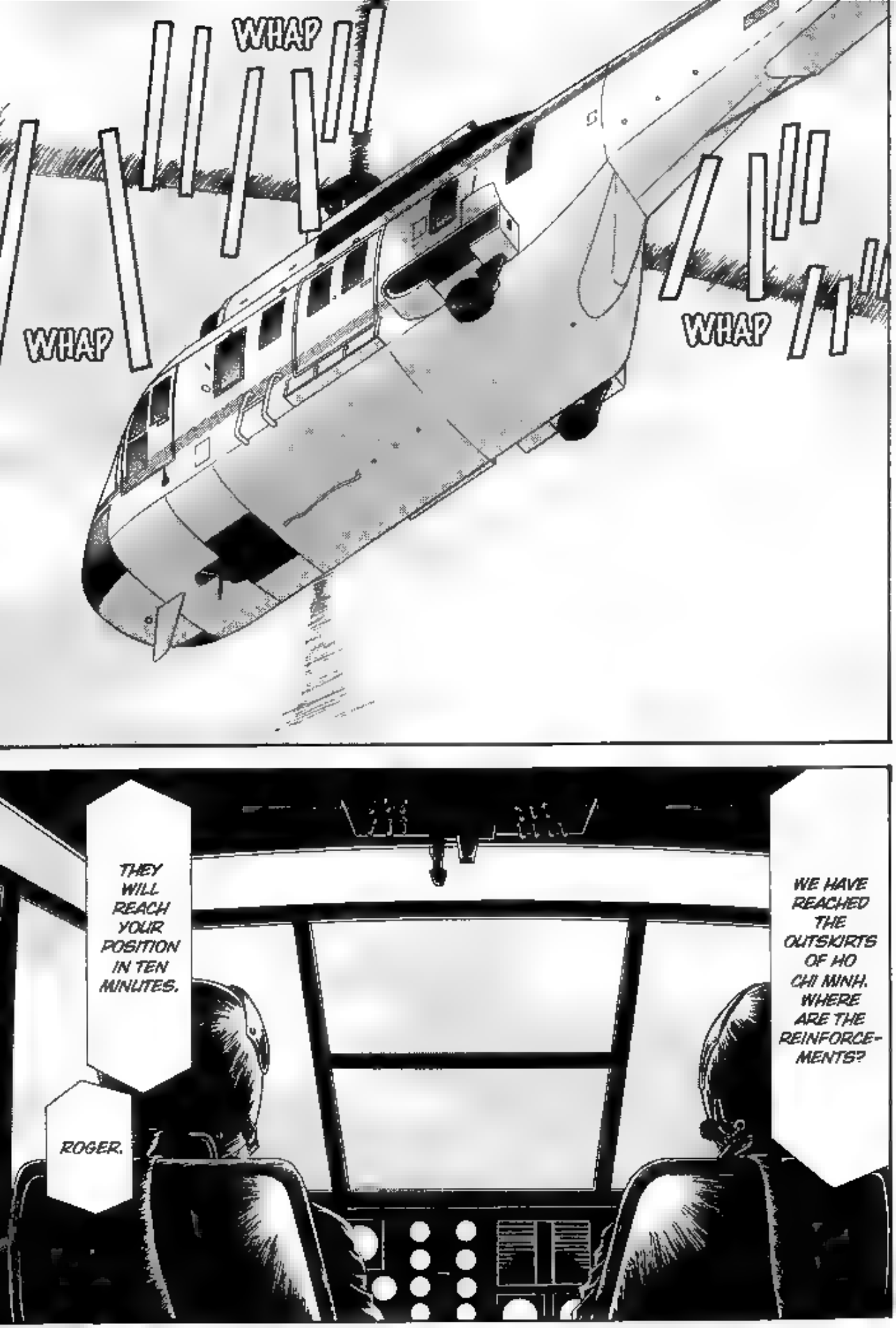
URGH!

DO YOU NOT FEEL GOOD? ARE YOU OKAY?

YUUJI!!
FILTHY!! WHAT'S UP WITH THIS BITCH...?

IF WE MIX OUR BLOOD WITH A WEAK FEMALE IT'LL JUST BREED MUTATION!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
KILL IT NOW!!
NO, WAIT!!
SHE'S... PREGNANT!!

WHOSE CHILD IS IT?


WHAP
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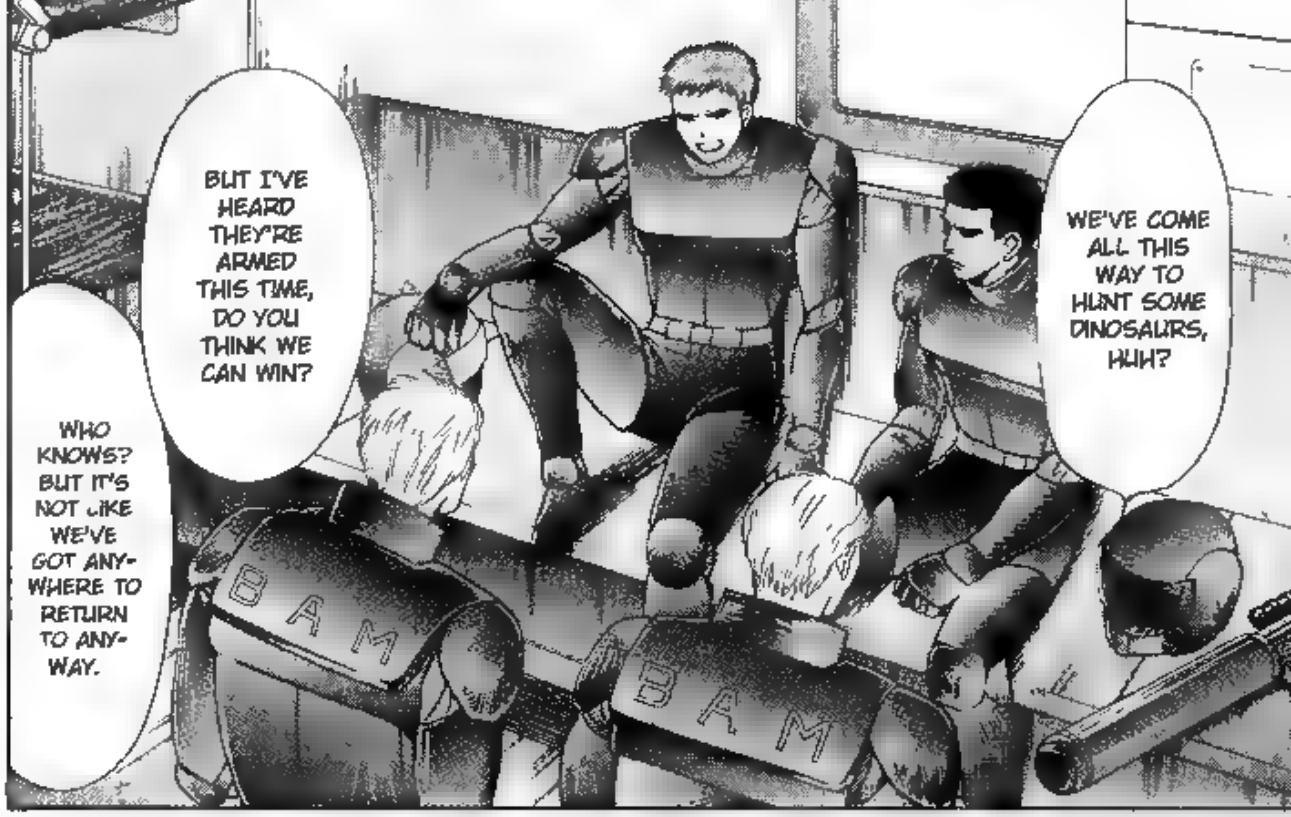
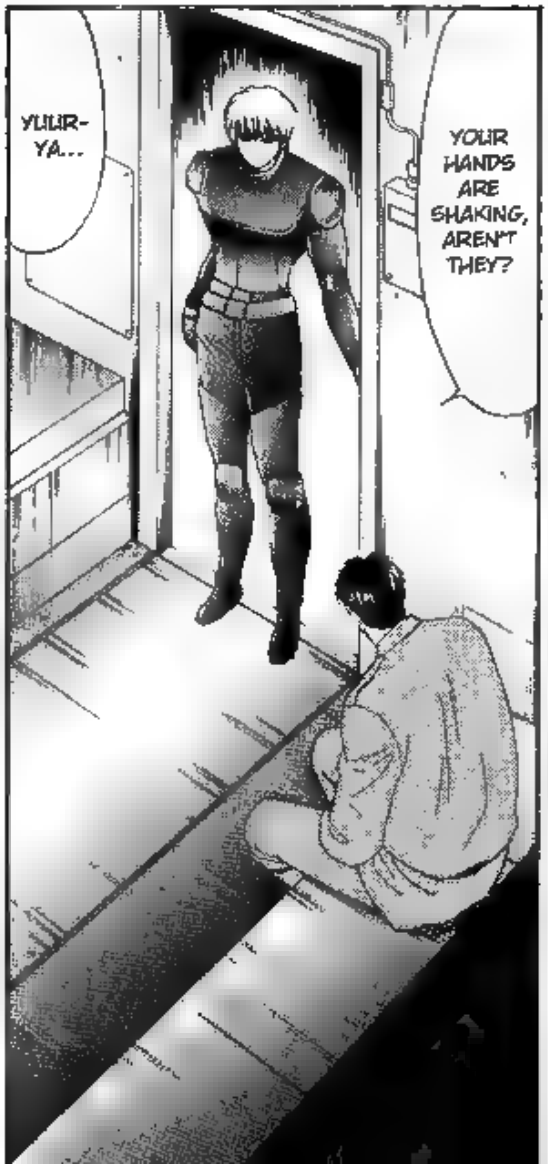
THEY WILL REACH YOUR POSITION IN TEN MINUTES.
ROGER.
WE HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF HO CHI MINH. WHERE ARE THE REINFORCE-MENTS?


WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY TO HUNT SOME DINOSAURS, HUH?
BUT I'VE HEARD THEY'RE ARMED THIS TIME, DO YOU THINK WE CAN WIN?
WHO KNOWS? BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE GOT ANY-WHERE TO RETURN TO ANY-WAY.
BAM
BAM


YUUR-YA...
YOUR HANDS ARE SHAKING, AREN'T THEY?

EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO COVER FOR ME?
I HAVE CONFI-DENCE IN MY SHOOTING ABILITY
GO BACK TO YOUR POST!! GO INSPECT THE WEAPONS OR SOME-THING.
LEAVE IT
YUURIYA.
I JUST WANT TO BE BESIDE YOU UNTIL THE END.
SCOLD ME IF YOU WANT TO.
LEAVE IT

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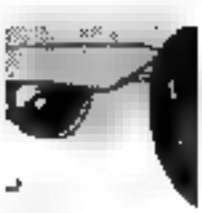

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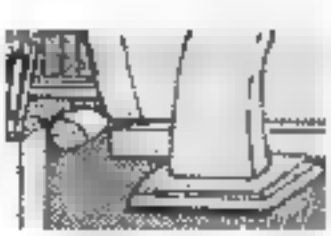

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WHOSE KID IS IT?
I KNOW THAT SCENT FEMALES GIVE OFF.
WHOSE IS IT?
I KNOW FROM TAKING CARE OF WATER BUFFALO.

IT'S MY KID.
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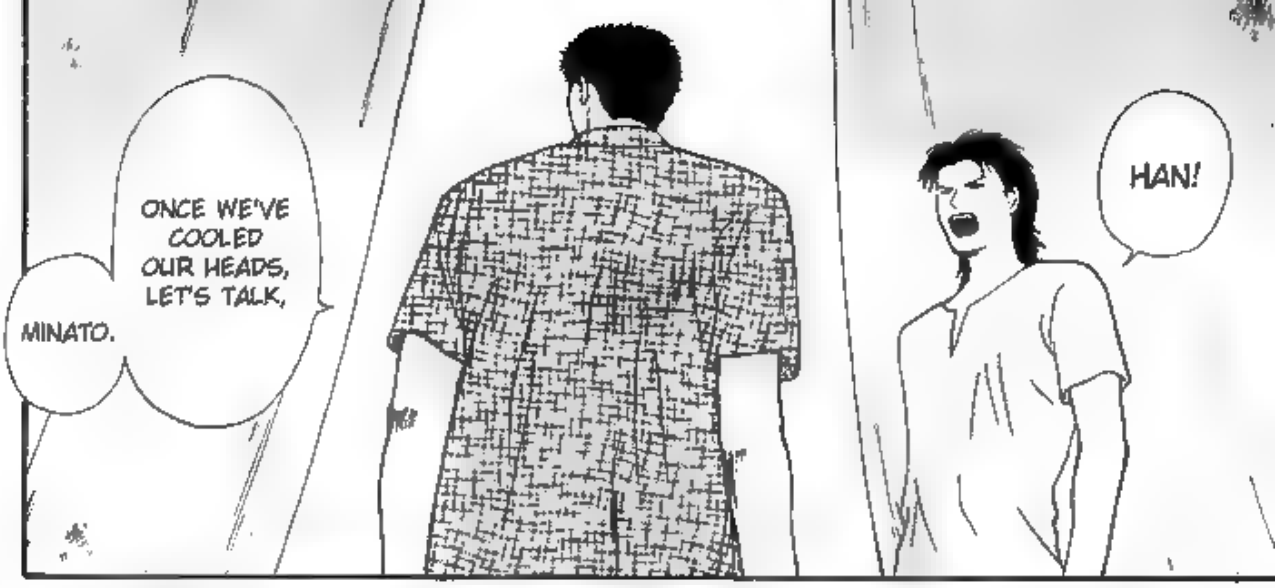
!

YOU'RE HEAD OVER HEELS AREN'T YOU, MINATO!!
YOU REALLY DON'T GIVE A SHIT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BLOOD, DO YOU!?
DO YOU REALLY WANT SOME HUMAN THAT MUCH??
I WON'T LET YOU SAY ANOTHER WORD ABOUT YUUJI!!
WHAT!?
I'M TELLING YOU, FUCKER, WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!
I'D GIVE UP MY LIFE FOR HIM!!
YEAH!

GIVE US A BREAK, HE DOESN'T FEEL WELL.
HE NEEDS SOME FRESH AIR.
YOU'RE CRAZY, BUT WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN.
YOU'RE SOME KID.


ONCE WE'VE COOLED OUR HEADS, LET'S TALK, MINATO.
HAN!

... YEAH.
CAN YOU STAND?

I DON'T... WANT IT... I'M GOING TO ABORT THE CHILD.
DON'T WORRY, JUST RELAX. YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF .
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS!!
WHY?!
I REF-USE!!
SHUT YOUR FACE, JACK-ASS!!
THAT BABY IS OF OUR BLOOD, WE'LL RAISE IT!!
PLEASE, JUST CARRY THE BABY, THAT'S ALL I ASK!!

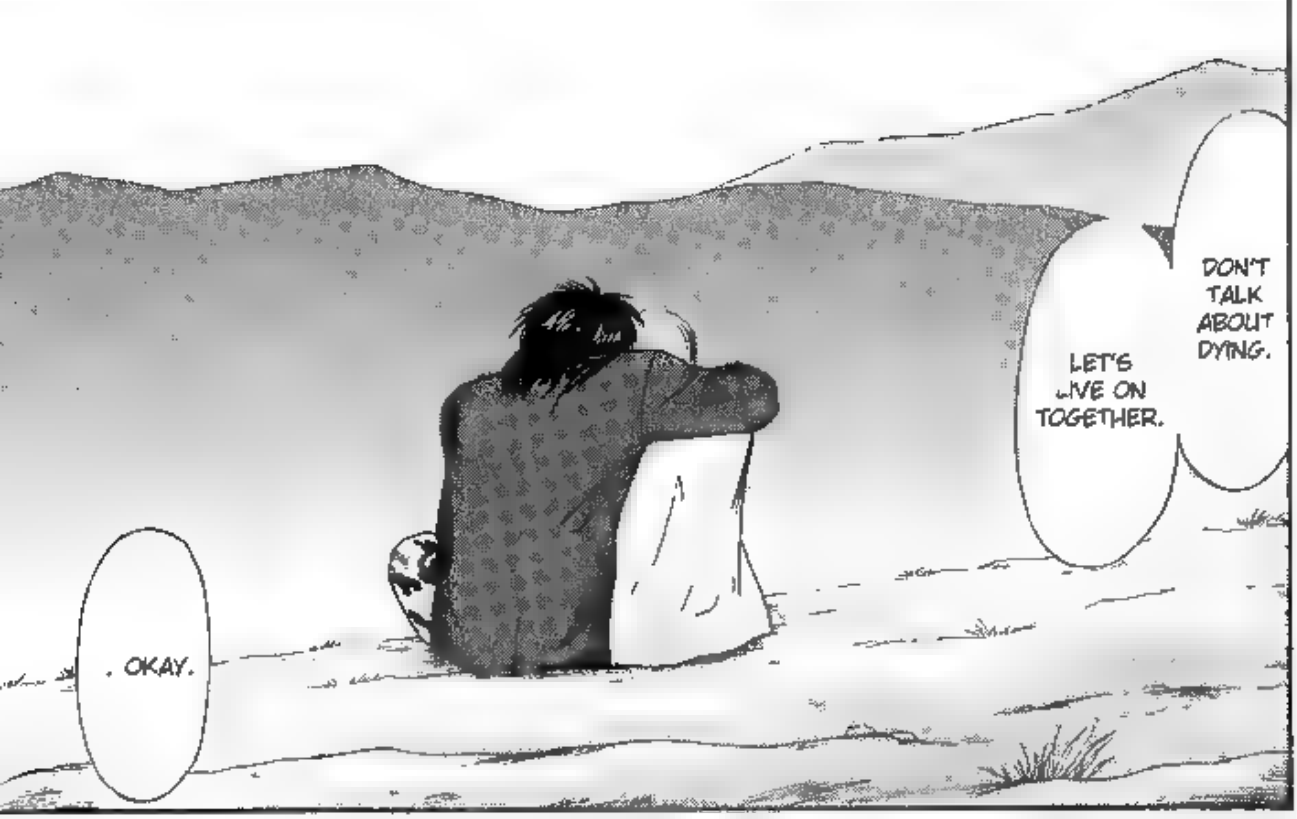
IT'S *BECAUSE* IT'S A TIME LIKE THIS!! I SHALL TAKE FULL RESPON-SIBILITY!!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?! YOU'RE SHAME-LESS!
BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE... MINE.
MINATO! IT'S FINE! I *SAID* IT'S FINE!!
IT'S NOT "FINE"!!
DO YOU WANT ME TO BEAT YOU TO DEATH!?
YUUJI...
I'M JUST... USED TO.. THIS KIND OF THING BY NOW, SO...
...IT'S FINE...

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT GETTING AN ABORTION? TELL ME.
...
LEAVE THEM ALONE!!
...IT'S NOT YOURS.
YOU'LL HAVE THE BABY, RIGHT?
WHAT IF WE RAISED A CHILD .. AND IT STARTED TO TAKE AFTER ONE OF THEM..?
I DON'T THINK I COULD RAISE SUCH A CHILD LIKE I RAISE YU..
?
ARE HUMANS LIKE THAT?
DO YOU ONLY LOVE YOUR OWN CHILDREN?
HUH?

IN MY VILLAGE, CHILDREN WERE TREASURED BY EVERYBODY, ME INCLUDED.
THE MEN OF THE VILLAGE ALL BECAME BROTHERS AND FATHERS TO ME.
I GUESS HUMAN FAMILIES ARE DIFFERENT, BUT...
WHENEVER I GET TO SEE OR HOLD LITTLE KIDS I CAN'T HELP THINKING HOW CUTE AND AWESOME THEY ARE.
SO I WAS THINKING... OF DOING THE SAME THING.
...MINATO.

AM I WRONG?
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO THINK THAT WAY?
...
YEAH ..
YEAH ...
DON'T BE DEPRESSED... IT'LL MAKE THE BABY SAD ..
YOU REALLY ARE...
MUCH MORE OF AN ADULT THAN I THOUGHT...
UM, YUUJI?
WHEN THEY START COMING IN, CAN I MASSAGE YOUR CHEST?
HUH?

I.. I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE THEN!
THAT'S WHY I'LL MASSAGE 'EM!! YOU'LL FEEL SO MUCH BETTER THAT..
THAT HURT, YOU KNOW..
YOU KEPT THEM ALL TO YOURSELF, AND YU! I GUESS, UNTIL THEY WENT AWAY I REALLY WANTED TO TOUCH THEM TOO..
HEY, YOU JUST SAID I WAS AN ADULT!
...YOU...
WAHOO!!
YOU LOOK LIKE SUCH A KID...
SAID IT WAS YOUR CHILD WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.
I THOUGHT... I THOUGHT I'D DIE FROM HAPPINESS.


DON'T TALK ABOUT DYING.
LET'S LIVE ON TOGETHER.
. OKAY.

AHH, HOW FORTUITOUS! I HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO THE ELDERS...
I CAN'T... LOOK THEM IN THE EYE.
EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE YOUR CHILD?

IF THE BLOOD OF CHINA SHOULD HAPPEN TO RUN THROUGH ITS VEINS, THEN ALL THE BETTER.
EVERYTHING WILL BE GOING ACCORDING TO MY PLAN...

ON WHAT GROUNDS DO YOU ACCUSE ME!?
I WOULD NEVER .!!
BECAUSE YOU KNOW YUUJI WON'T EVEN GIVE YOU A SECOND GLANCE.
YOU'RE JEALOUS, AREN'T YOU?
...YOU.
THEIR PAIN IS JUST BEGINNING.
..I...
YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO STEAL HIM AWAY ALL THIS TIME, YOURSELF!!
TH. .THE SAME GOES FOR YOU!!
YOU'RE SO YOUNG.
EVEN IF HE CAN'T BE WITH ME...
JUST WANT YUUJI TO BE HAPPY.

HURRY UP AND ANSWER THE PHONE. .
HI. I'M CURRENTLY OVERSEAS SO PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE TONE...
HELLO, IT'S ME...
YOU'RE A HYPOCRITE...
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT.
CLICK
RIGHT WHEN I NEED HER TOO!
DAMN IT!! WHERE IS SHE!?
SCREECH

S-SORRY!!
H-HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING GIRL?
SHE'S NEARBY SPREAD OUT!!
THEY COULDN'T HAVE TRACED MY CALL THAT QUICK!!
THAT'S WAY TOO FAST
AFTER HER!!
THIS WAY!!
WE'VE FOUND HER!

WHO CAN I RELY ON...!?

SO THAT'S WHAT DID IT, NO WONDER!!
W-WHEN HE LICKED MY NECK I JUST ..
HEY!!
GET IN HERE!!
ISN'T THIS A LITTLE EARLY FOR MORNING SICKNESS THOUGH?
Y-YEAH, I'M FINE NOW...
YOU'VE GOT A BIT OF COLOR BACK IN YOUR CHEEKS!

I CAN ONLY TELL YOU MORE OR LESS WHERE WE THINK YOUR DAUGHTER IS.
!?
WHAT WE KNOW IS SOLID THOUGH; I AM FROM AROUND HERE.
WE KNOW TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TROUBLE.

SO,
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU TWO.
WOULD YOU COME IN HERE?
A FAVOR?
THIS WAY.

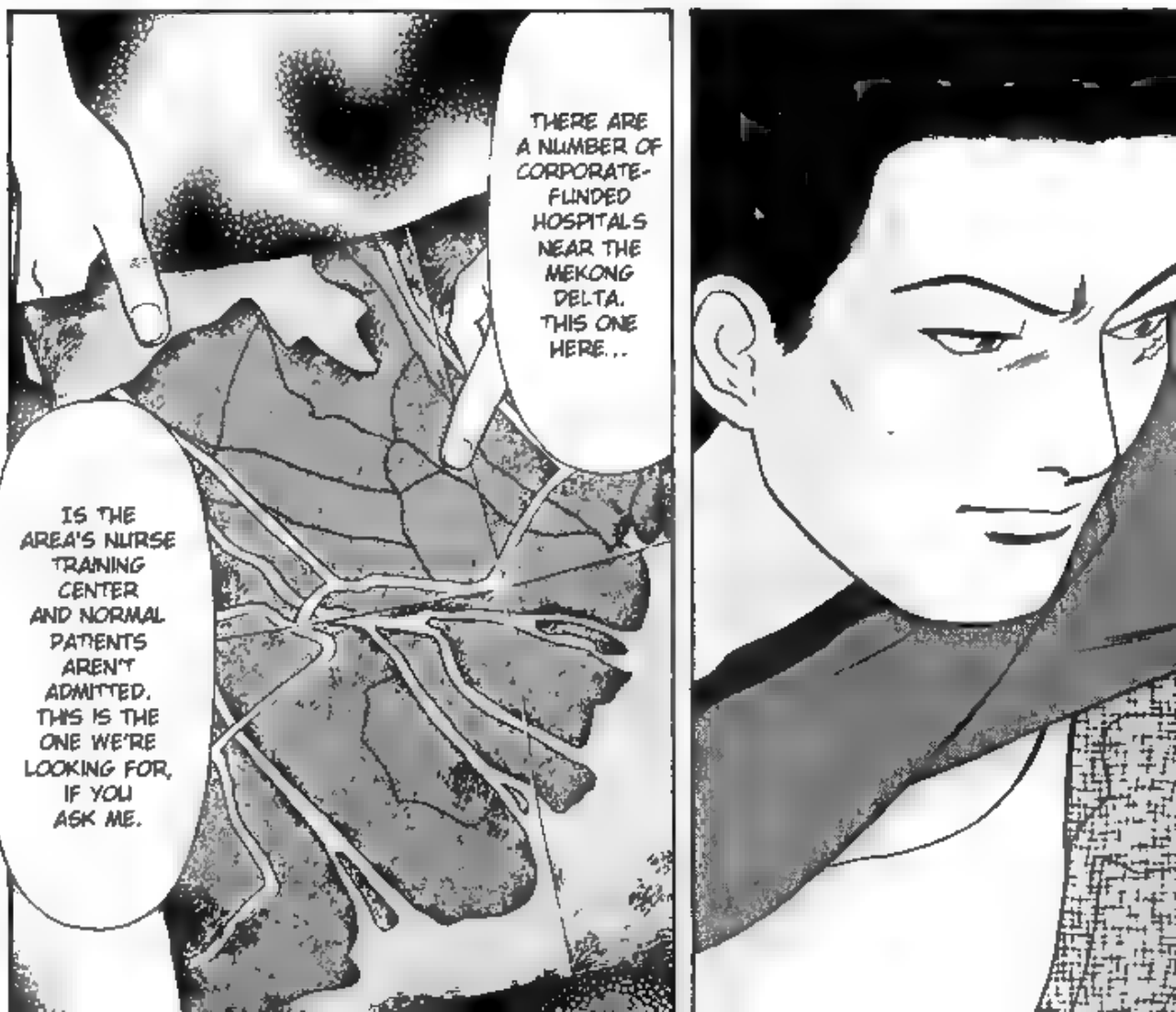
COME IN.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TOMORROW HOLDS.
WE DON'T WANT TO BE USED BY CAPITALISM LIKE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.
WE HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE HUMANS SOON
HE'S MY ELDER BROTHER HE STEPPED ON A LAND MINE
PLEASE, DON'T LET HIM DIE WITHOUT EVER KNOWING A WOMAN
MINATO, WOULD YOU ALLOW HIM THIS FEMALE'S BODY? JUST ONCE IS ALL I ASK.

FUCKING IDIOT!!
HE'S MY PRECIOUS OLDER BROTHER. I'M ASKING YOU!!
?
THIS IS NO JOKE, DAMN IT!! WHAT THE FUCK IS YOUR PROBLEM!?
...
A-ARE YOU A DOCTOR OR SOMETHING?
NO I'M NOT, BUT .
DON'T GIVE UP!! HE WILL BE ABLE TO WALK AGAIN. I'M SURE OF IT
SHOULD I CONTACT AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE?
WHY WOULD YOU DO ALL THAT FOR US!?
HOW THE HELL ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET OUR HANDS ON THAT!?
HIDRO-WHAT?
IT'S A MANMADE MATERIAL USED FOR REPLACEMENT JOINTS
WITH THE USE OF HYDROXY-APATITE* GRAFTING HE SHOULD RECOVER.

*A CALCIUM PHOSPHATE CERAMIC THAT IS USED AS A BIOMATERIAL. IT USE OF THIS MATERIALS THAT ELICIT AN ACTIVE RESPONSE IN THE BODY AND BONES. THANK YOU FOR USING THIS MORE SOPHISTICATED SERVICE TODAY.

LEAVE IT! DON'T TOUCH HIM!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT BEDSORES. EXCUSE ME WHILE I DISINFECT THEM..
YOU DON'T TOUCH YUUJI!
HE NEEDS TO RECEIVE THE BEST TREATMENT POSSIBLE IF HE'S TO RECOVER.
WHY WOULDN'T I...?
WHY...?
IT SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF REHABILI-TATION EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE.
HE SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO A PROPERLY EQUIPPED FACILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
...
HEY. .

THIS IS ALL I CAN DO.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... I JUST.
MY BROTHER GIVES HIS RESPECTS.
.SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS... EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE PREGNANT.


THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CORPORATE-FUNDED HOSPITALS NEAR THE MEKONG DELTA. THIS ONE HERE...
IS THE AREA'S NURSE TRAINING CENTER AND NORMAL PATIENTS AREN'T ADMITTED. THIS IS THE ONE WE'RE LOOKING FOR, IF YOU ASK ME.

IF IT'S POSSIBLE... COULD YOU PLEASE STOP AND RETHINK THIS REBELLION?
TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I'LL SEND A FEW OF MY MEN WITH YOU, AS WELL AS A MAP AND RATIONS...
U-UM.

SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE TELLING US WHAT TO DO NOW!?
TH-THAT'S NOT... WHAT I.
YOU SHOULD BE FIGHTING AGAINST GROVER INDUSTRIES AND OTHER PREJUDICED PEOPLE, NOT HUMANS IN GENERAL.
MORE PEOPLE WILL BE INJURED, JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHER. PEOPLE WILL DIE!!

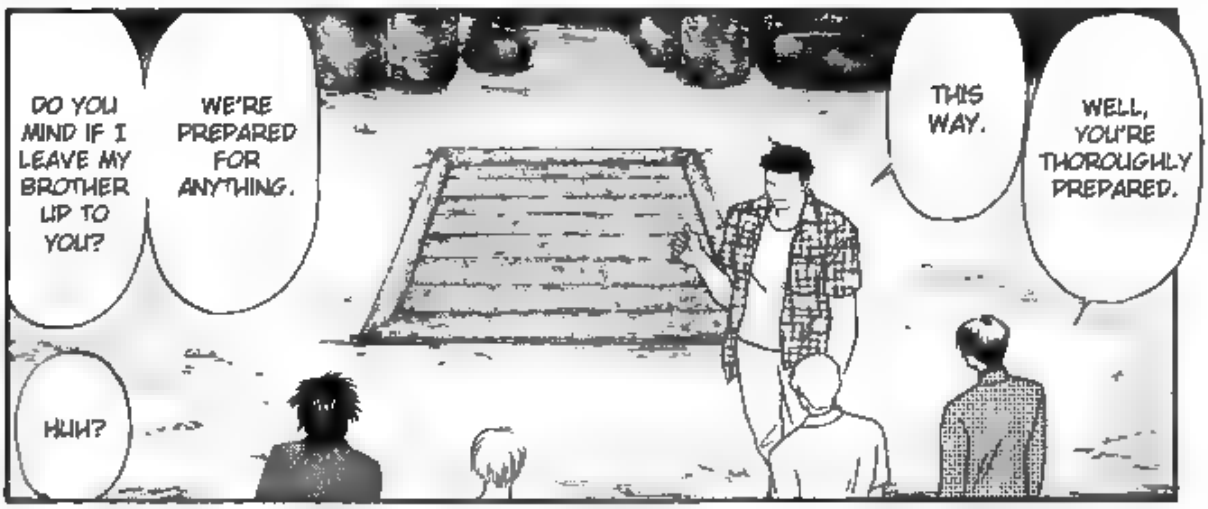
LET'S MAKE AN ALLIANCE!!
SHI-RAKA-WA...
WE'LL OVERTHROW GROVER INDUSTRIES AND PUT IN PLACE A SYSTEM TO MANAGE A SOCIETY IN WHICH THE BLOOD TAKES PART.
AND YOU, YUUJI, WILL BE CENTRAL TO THIS UNION.
CREATION, THE MEDICINE THAT SAVED THE BLOOD...
WAS MADE IN THE CENTRIFUGE IN YOUR OWN HOUSE, RIGHT?
HEY! WOULDN'T THAT MAKE YOU FILTHY RICH!?
MAKE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT ALREADY!!

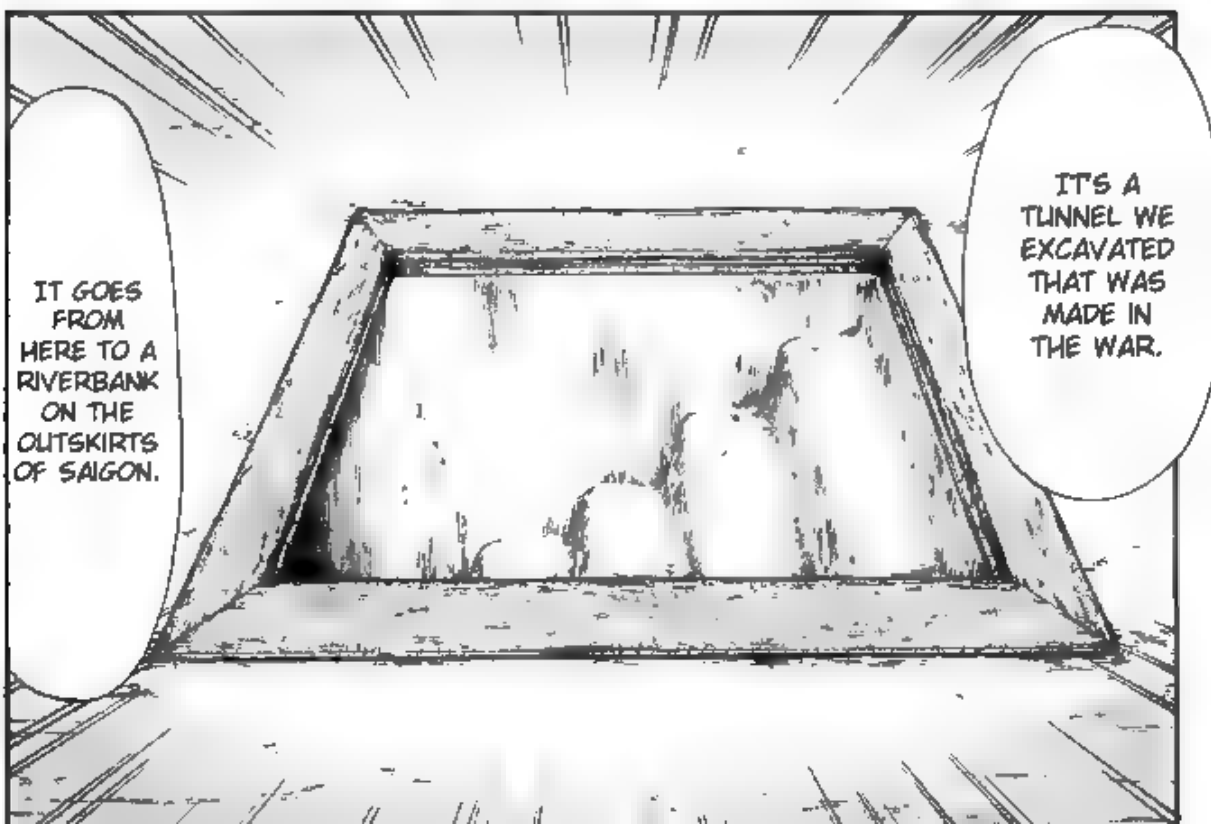
DO YOU NEED ANOTHER HUSBAND?
HUH?
WE'LL START A BUSINESS WITH THE MONEY MADE FROM THE NEW PHARMA-CEUTICAL PATENT, BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY. .
I GOT IT!!
I-I HADN'T REALLY PLANNED ON IT .
I HAVE..
MINATO AND YUI.
SO... I DON'T...
I'M A NICE GUY, REALLY, SO PLEASE ACCEPT ME!!
HELL NO!!
MAKE ME ONE OF YOUR HUSBANDS!! I DON'T DISAPPOINT, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!!
WH.. WM.. I DON'T .

UM.. SHIRAKAWA? COULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH A RESCUE BOAT?
SURE, NO PROB-LEM.
BUT MORE IMPORT-ANTLY, HOW DO YOU FEEL? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THE BABY?
BE CAREFUL WITH THAT BABY INSIDE YOU.
JUST SPEAK UP IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.
SUCH A WASTE! AND I REALLY WANTED TO TASTE YOUR BODY TOO.
YUUJI.. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO EVER FORGIVE ME, BUT...
IS THAT RIGHT .
WELL... MINATO SAID I SHOULD HAVE IT... BUT I DON'T REALLY HAVE MY OWN FEELINGS SORTED OUT JUST YET.
THAT NIGHT YOU WERE..
THE TRUTH IS...
HUH?

Fwoom
!!
THEY FINALLY SHOWED THEIR FACES, HUH!
WHAT?
WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!

WE WERE WAITING FOR THIS!!
IT'S AN ATTACK!
EVERYONE! GET IN POSITION!


DO YOU MIND IF I LEAVE MY BROTHER UP TO YOU?
WE'RE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.
HUH?
THIS WAY.
WELL, YOU'RE THOROUGHLY PREPARED.


IT GOES FROM HERE TO A RIVERBANK ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON.
IT'S A TUNNEL WE EXCAVATED THAT WAS MADE IN THE WAR.

WE'LL FOLLOW ONCE WE'VE STOPPED THESE BASTARDS.
HAN!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THE ENEMIES ARE HUMAN AND BESIDES, THE ESCAPE ROUTE IS SECURE
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
SHIRA-KAWA!! GO WITH YUUJI!
WHAT?
SHEN AND I WILL STAY; THESE ENEMIES MAY NOT BE HUMAN.
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Roar
UNDER-STOOD!!

Bang
Bang
IT'S THEM.
HEY! I'M HIT!
THEIR MOVEMENTS ARE TOO FAST FOR HUMANS!!
"THEM?"

JUST MAKE SURE THEY DON'T SLIP AWAY 'TIL THEN!!
THE REIN-FORCEMENTS WILL ARRIVE IN A FEW MINUTES!!
ALL RIGHT?
ROAR

THIS IS ALL A PARTING GIFT FROM THE US ARMED FORCES— IT MAKES IT HOMEY, DON'T YOU THINK?
WELL, YOU'VE GOT QUITE A FEW THINGS DOWN HERE, HAVEN'T YOU?

NOW THEN,
AFTER SURROUNDING US THEIR PLAN IS TO SMOKE US OUT.
BASI-CALLY.
CAN YOU READ THEIR MOVE-MENTS?

HURRY UP!!
RUMBLE

FLIPPIN' SWEET!
IF WE FOLLOW THIS TUNNEL WE'LL... COME UP SOMEWHERE BEHIND THEM.
RUMBLE

THAT'S STRANGE THEY'RE NOT COMING OUT
?
BE CAREFUL!! THEY MAY ALREADY BE BEHIND US!
WE MAY BE THE ONES KILLED INSTEAD!!

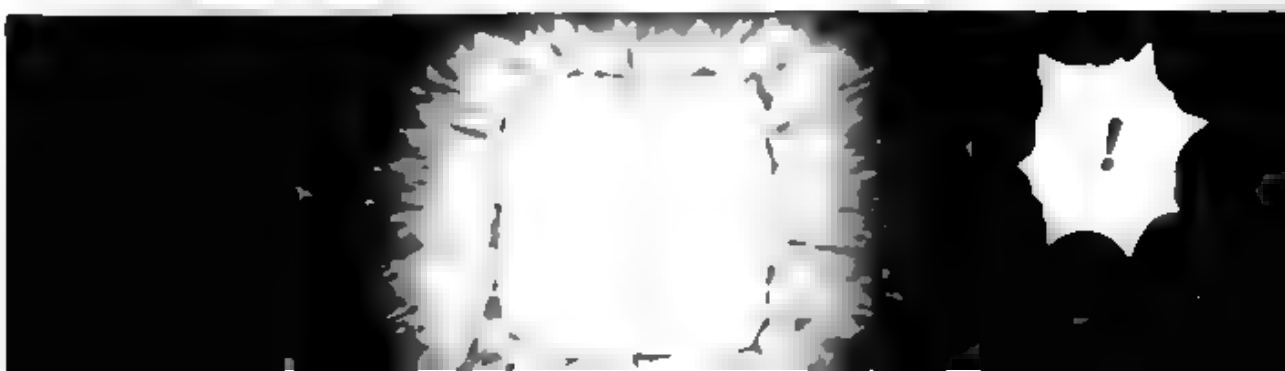
BRING IT ON, YOU MONS-TERS!!
THIS IS GREAT. WHEN THEY TRANSFORM THEY'LL JUST BE EASIER TO SEE!!

DASH

BANG
BANG
CALCULATE YOUR FIRING RANGE— MOVE!!
ROGER!
FWUMP
ROAR

BANG

I'LL HUNT DOWN EVERY LAST ONE!
IT'S THEIR BLOOD THAT DID THIS TO US
WE'RE NOT HUMAN AND WE'RE NOT CORPSES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..WHERE IS THIS...?
DAMN, IT'S LIKE A MAZE DOWN THERE. ALL COMPLICATED WITH EXITS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
WHERE ARE SHEN AND HAN..?

!?

WHERE DID THEY COME OUT...?

BANG
BANG
BANG

HAA
IMAGINE MEETING YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
HOW DO YOU LIKE HAVING THREE BULLETS IN YOU, FUCKER?
HAA
I'LL BLAST YOUR HEAD OPEN BEFORE YOUR WOUNDS HEAL!!
GET UP!

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PUSH
!

BANG
BANG
BANG
SN
AP
SPLASH

.....
KILL ME ALREADY!!
K...
BAM
SH...SHIT! COME ON...
WHO'S THERE?
HI, IT'S ME!!
!!
SPLASH

D...DON'T CRY! LISTEN CLOSELY!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANY-MORE---
I...I DON'T...
LINEA...? WHY THE HECK ARE YOU IN VIETNAM?
I'M BEING CHASED!! I'VE RUN OUT OF CONTACTS AND JUST CALLED THIS NUMBER BECAUSE I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE!!
DAMN THIS HURTS...
LISTEN UP: WE NEED TO DECIDE ON A PLACE TO MEET!! DO YOU HAVE A MAP?
THE OUTSKIRTS OF HO CHI MINH...?
YOU REALLY SAVED ME JUST NOW, WHERE ARE YOU?

NICOLAI! RESPOND!!
MY...
GUN...
haa
haa
SHIT...
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET THIS...
NICOLAI!!
HRO
AR

HIS BIO-READINGS HAVE...DI-SAPPEARED.
CHIEF...
NICOLAI!!
IT'S TOO LATE!! WE CAN'T EVEN USE OUR HEAT-SENSORS AT THIS POINT!!
ROE, CALM DOWN!!
REINFOR-CEMENTS WILL ARRIVE SOON!!
NICOLAI WAS ACTING ON HIS OWN. CONTINUE THE CURRENT PATH. KEEP LOOKING AHEAD.

WHEN I OPENED MY EYES.. I WAS SAFE...
IT USED TO BE THAT WHENEVER I HAD NIGHTMARES MY SON WOULD ALWAYS WAKE ME UP.
BUT...
NOW...
BAM

!?
THIS WAY! THERE'S A HILL!

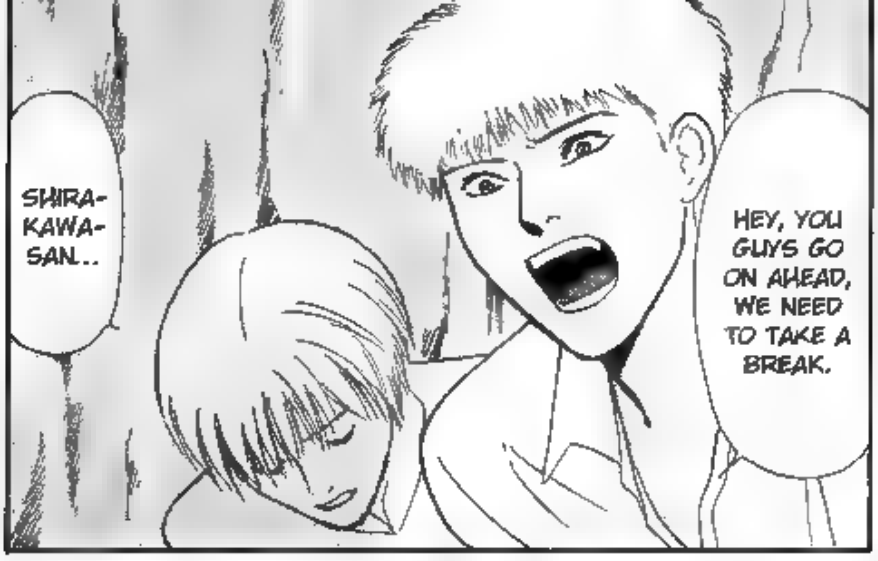
OH... HAN AND SHEN.
MINA-TO!!

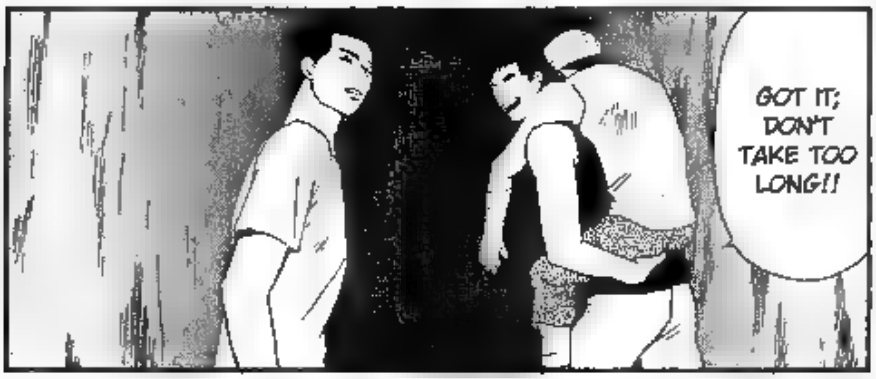
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!
HAHAHA! YOU'VE GOT QUITE A WOUND THERE, HAVEN'T YOU?

BY THE WAY, DID YOU RECOG-NIZE THE ENEMY?
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE...
IT'S SO WE DON'T ALL GET KILLED COMING OUT AT THE SAME PLACE.
WHY THE HELL WERE THE TUNNEL'S EXITS ALL OVER THE PLACE!?

HURRY UP!!

IT'S LIKELY, AT ANY RATE...
THEY SEEM TO BE THE FELLOWS WE ENCOUN-TERED IN BEIJING.


SHIRA-KAWA-SAN..
HEY, YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD, WE NEED TO TAKE A BREAK.


GOT IT; DON'T TAKE TOO LONG!!

MY SENSES ARE...
.....
I'M STAR-TING TO REMEMBER ...W...WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT...

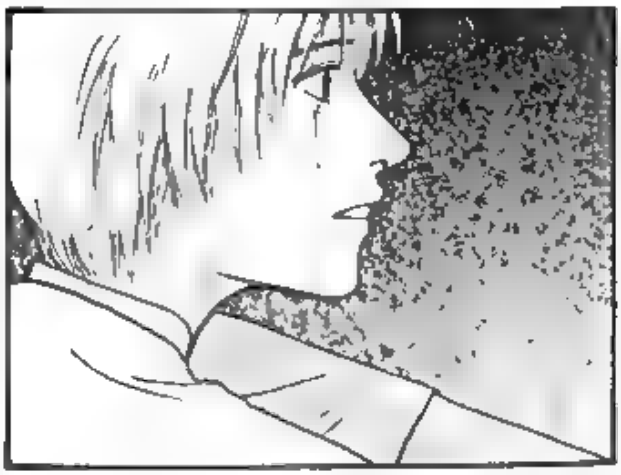
I...I'M SORRY... I'VE JUST GOT NO STREN-GTH...
DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE HUMAN AFTER ALL, AND YOU JUST THREW UP BESIDES, RIGHT?

HAA
HAA
YUUJI!!
ARE YOU OKAY!?

ASSAULTED
ME, OVER
AND OVER
AGAIN.

I WAS
SO
SCARED. .
I FELT
LIKE I WAS
GOING TO
GO INSANE...

YUUI...



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YOU'RE SHAKING.
I...I'M FINE. I'VE GOT SOMETHING IN MY EYE...
AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
EVEN THOUGH I'M RIGHT NEXT TO HIM...AND I WANT TO HELP HIM,
...IT HURTS.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...

CHIEF.
IT CAN'T BE.
THERE'S NO RESPONSE!
WHAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS!?
THE SENSOR ISN'T PICKING UP ANY SIGNS OF LIFE EITHER...
I'VE ARRIVED AT THEIR BASE...BUT THERE'S NOBODY HERE.
AMATEURS.
YOU MEAN THIS TRAP?
IT'S A TRAP!! BYRON!!
ALL UNITS DOUBLE BACK!!

KA
BOOM
!!

TAKE THAT!! WE GOT'EM!!
YUURYA!!
PULL BACK!!
ROE!!
YUURYA'S NEARBY!!
ROE!! CALM DOWN!!

I'LL HAVE NO VALUE AS A HUMAN BEING.
YUURYA!!
IF I DON'T...
I HAVE TO SAVE HER!
TAKE US TO GROUND ZERO STAT!!
B... BUT SIR!
I SAID NOW!!

I LEAVE MY BROTHERS IN YOUR CARE!
MINATO.
BUT!
WE'RE MEETING UP WITH SOME ALLIES!! SO THOSE GUYS WILL NEVER COME AFTER US AGAIN.
HAN!
ALL OF THEM WOULD BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SAIGON RIVER WITHOUT YOU; I'LL BE SURE TO PASS THAT ALONG TO MY ALLIES.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW,
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HOLD SOMEBODY'S LIFE ABOVE YOUR OWN.

TELL THIS TO THE HUMAN-LOVERS.
"I'M PRAYING FOR THEIR GOOD FORTUNE"
...I GOT IT...
THAT MAKES YOU... A BROTHER OF MINE.
GOOD FORTUNE...
.....

SOME-
THING...
ABOVE
GROUND...?
ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?
Y...
YEAH...

HEY,
ARE YOU
TWO ALL
RIGHT!?
YEAH!!
WE'RE
COMING!!

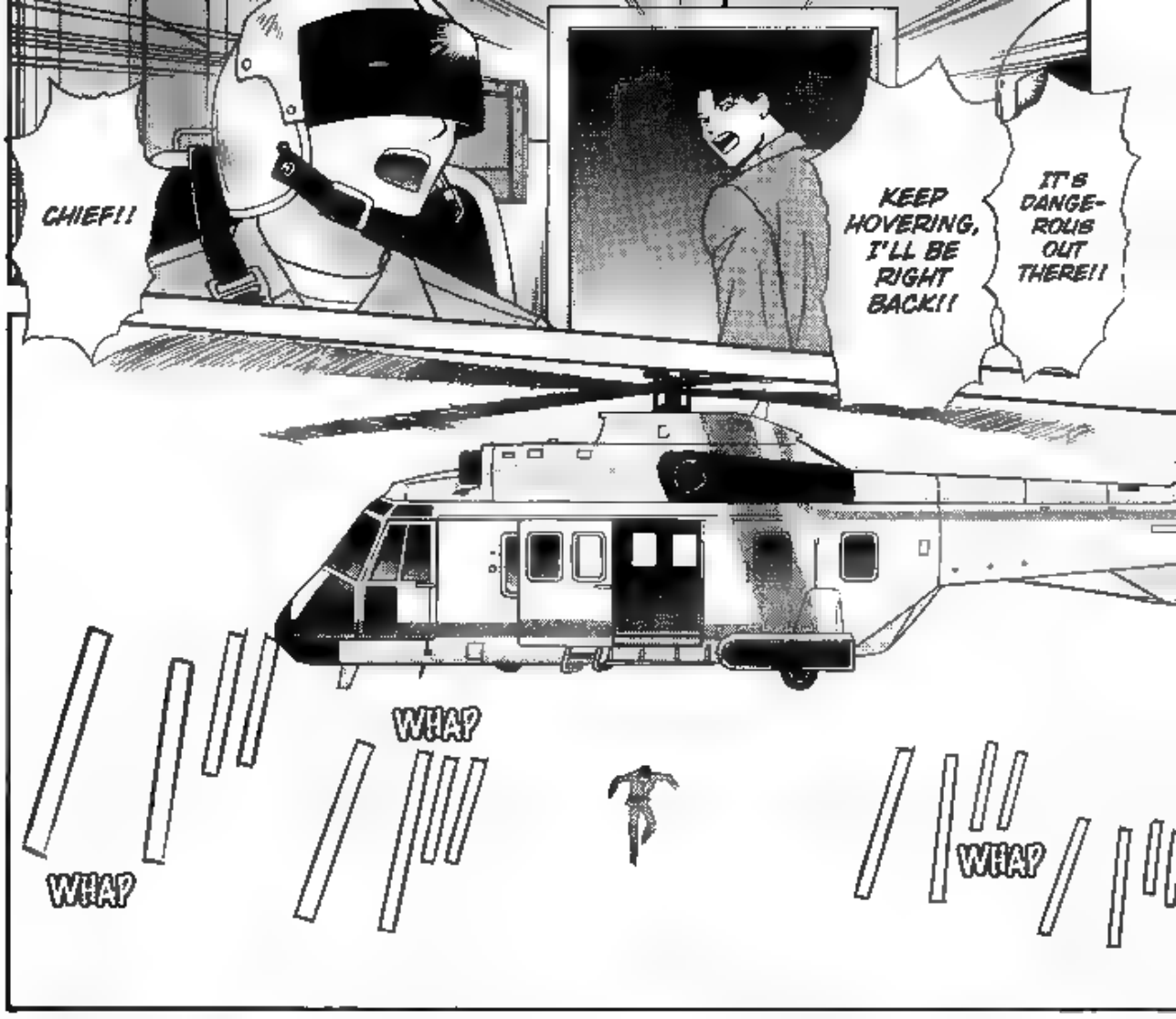
...IT'S
AT TIMES
LIKE
THIS,

WE
HAVE
TO KEEP
GOING
FOR-
WARD.
THE
CEILING'S
GETTING
LOWER SO
WATCH
YOUR
HEAD!!
O...
OKAY!!

THAT I
REMEM-
BER...MY
TIME WITH
YUI...
THE WAY
SHE QUICKLY
LEARNED
TO HOLD
HER HEAD UP,
SIT, AND
CRAWL.

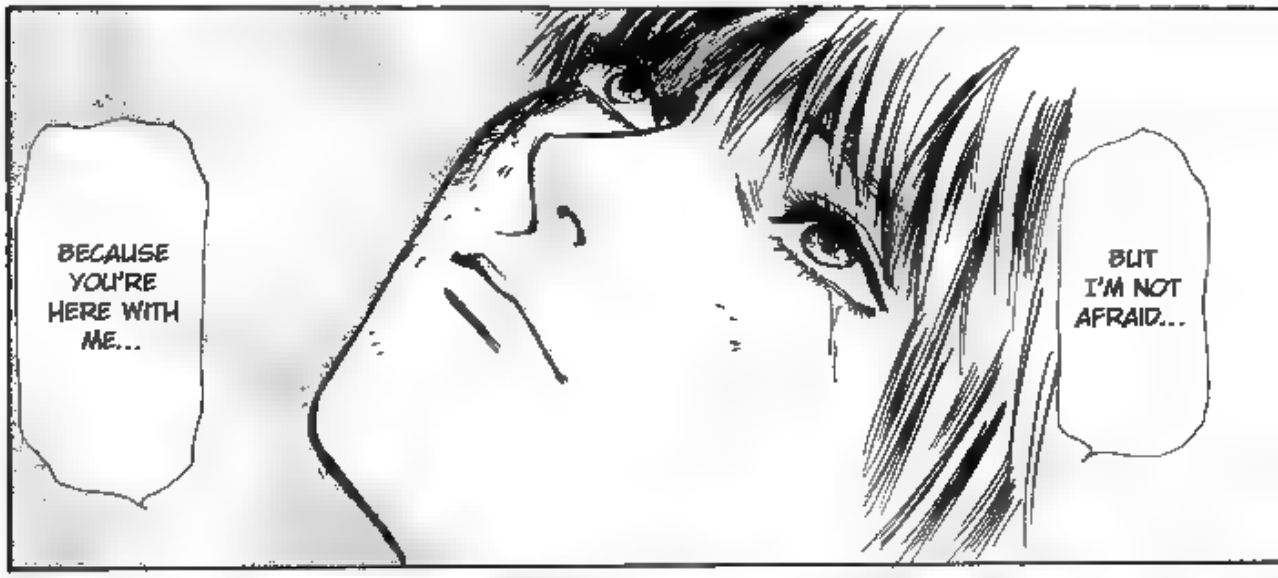
WHAT ABOUT THE KID? IS SHE CUTE?
IS THAT RIGHT.
SHE'S CUTE...
.....
VERY CUTE...
RAISING HER...IT MUST BE HARD, RIGHT?
HAHA, WELL, IT CERTAINLY TAKES MORE STRENGTH THAN TO BE A "PRECIOUS" WOMAN.
IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S FUN FOR YOU.
I...
W...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...!?
YOU'VE GOTTEN LOVELIER SINCE YOU GAVE BIRTH, YOU KNOW.
WELL, THAT CAN BE SAID OF ALL FEMALES OF THE BLOOD WHO ARE FERTILE.
OKAY...

IS THAT RIGHT
GOOD LUCK!!
SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
SO I WANT TO RAISE MY CHILDREN FREELY
I'M SORRY SHIRAHA-WA-SAN


CHIEF!!
KEEP HOVERING, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!
IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE!!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP

UMGH.
YUUR-YA!
YAARYA!
YOU.
CAME FOR ME.
IT'S LIKE A DREAM.

I...
I'M GOING TO DIE...
YUUR-YA...
IT'S NO GOOD, THEY GOT ME IN THE HEAD...
DON'T TALK, I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU!!


BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE WITH ME...
BUT I'M NOT AFRAID...

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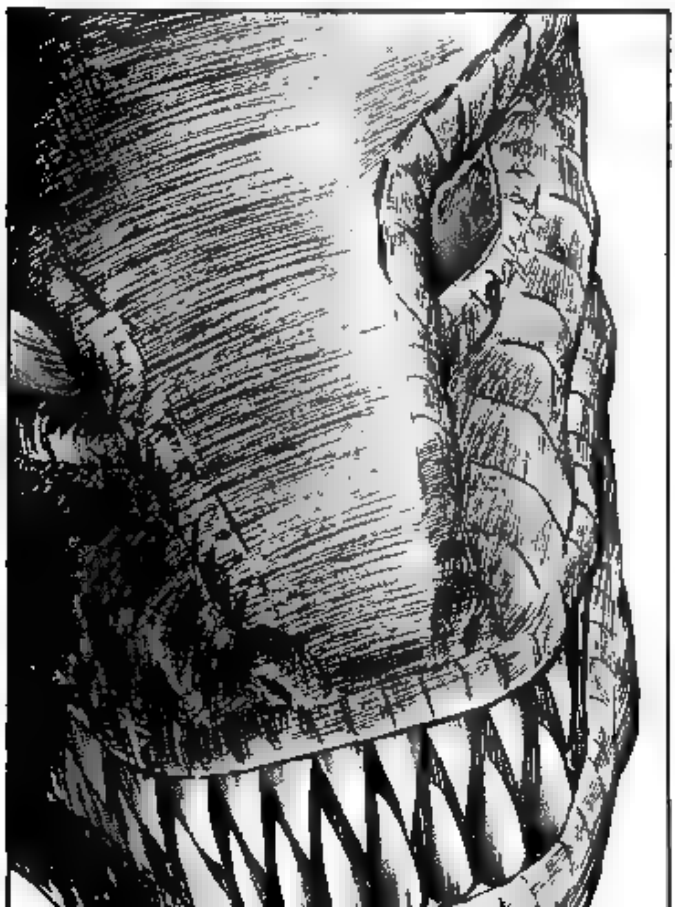

WOOM
!
RUMBLE

THE HELI-COPTER CRASHED ?
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HERE'S THE EXIT.
?
KUSH
THE RIVER'S RISING!!
BE CARE-FUL!!
YUUJI!!
!
HEY!! SOMEBODY LEND ME A HAND!
YUUJI!!
BUBBLE
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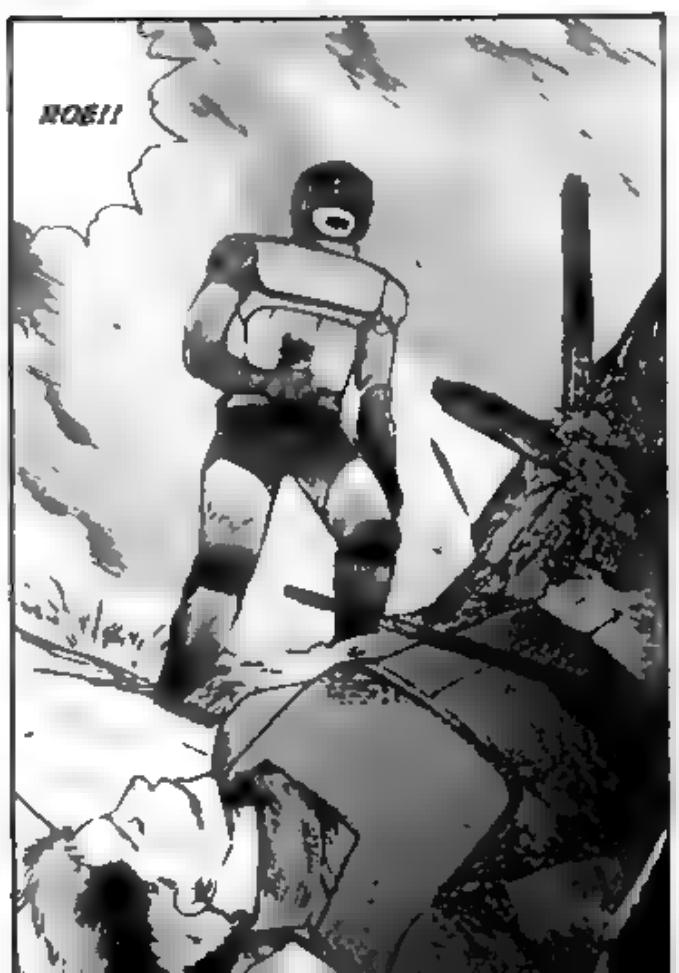
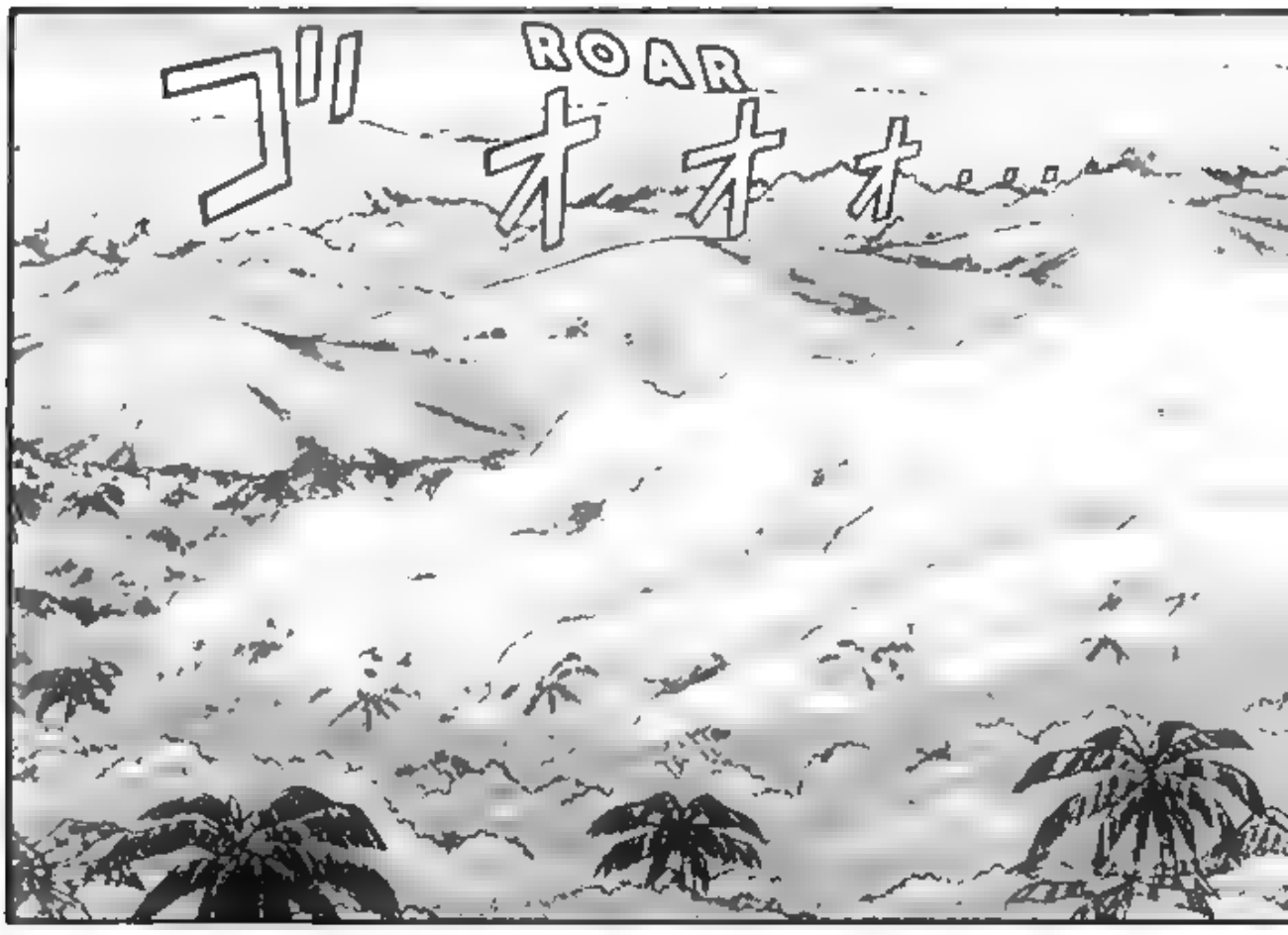
YUUJI!!!


NOE!!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
THE HELICOPTER GOT SHOT DOWN..

YUU-RYA.
IS SHE SAFE .?
!
IT'S ALL RIGHT SHE'S SAFE. .
HER BIO-SIGNALS ARE RE-GISTERING.
IS THAT RIGHT..
THAT'S.. GREAT.
!
ROE. .


ROAR
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MINATO...
MY BODY ALREADY FEELS FULL TO THE BRIM WITH YOU.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME...?
MINATO...!!

!
YUUJI,
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE AWAKE

DO YOU RE-MEMBER?
YOU WERE DROWN-ING NEAR THE EXIT TO THE TUNNEL.

HUH?
I'M SO SORRY!
I... I...
WHY WAS I...?
I... I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
I... I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME.
IT FELT SO VIVID...
.....
WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?
I...I HAD A DREAM...OR SOMETHING?
WHY IN THE WORLD ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
UH... UM, W... WELL...

HAVE A DREAM WHERE I EMBRACED YOU?
DID YOU...
TH...THAT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE!
N...NO!
IT'S TRUE.
HUH!?
I EMBRACED YOU THAT NIGHT.

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO FORGIVE ME.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING OTHER THAN YOU WEREN'T CHAINED UP ANYMORE
YOU LOOKED FOR SEX BECAUSE OF THE DRUG'S EFFECTS... AND I...
COULDN'T THINK STRAIGHT ANYMORE.
BUT I DON'T REGRET IT. YOU WERE FANTASTIC THAT NIGHT.
BUT...I COULDN'T KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT ANY LONGER.

YOU WERE THINKING ALL THE WHILE THAT YOU WERE BEING HELD BY MINATO.
I KNEW THAT, BUT I
I'M THE SAME AS THOSE GUYS WHO HUMILIATED YOU.
THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN I AM.
B- BUT
I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THAT
LET'S LET BY-GONES BE BYGONES
THE CHILD YOU'RE CA-RRYING MAY BE MINE
!

I LIKE YOU, SHIRAKAWA-SAN, SO...
I DON'T WANT TO... RUIN THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE NOW...I GUESS...
HOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT LIKE THAT? I...
EITHER OF OUR FAULTS...IT WAS INEVITABLE IN THAT SITUATION...
I DON'T REMEMBER IT... A...AND MORE IMPORTANTLY...
W... WHAT IS IT?
I...I WON'T TELL MINATO, SO...WE CAN CONTINUE TO...
SO, RIGHT NOW... I'M VERY HAPPY...
HOWEVER YOU MEANT IT, YOU JUST SAID YOU "LIKED" ME,

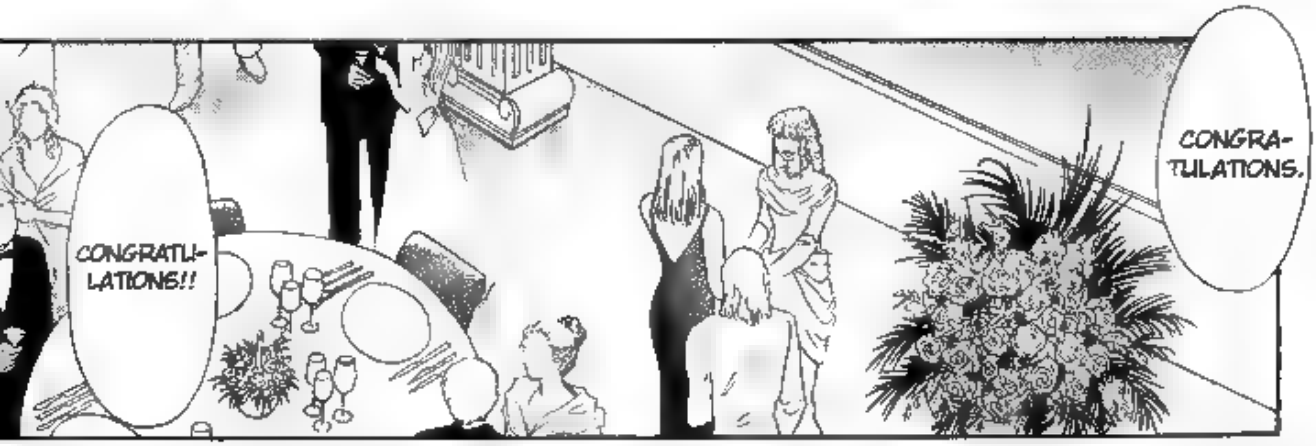
...YUUUJI.
LET'S DO IT!! TOGE-THER!!
BLUSH
THAT CAME OUT WRONG!
N...NO, THAT'S NOT...
WHAT I MEAN... IS....
IF WE CAN GO ON... HOW WE HAVE BEEN, THEN...
.....
WAS SHIRAKAWA -SAN...
THE ONE... WHO HELD ME OVER AND OVER... DEEP IN MY MEMORIES...
.....
THEY MADE IT!!

FLAP
FLAP

THEN MOVE ON TO RECLAIMING THE SITE AND RECOVERING THE BODIES.
THE PLAN WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED. THE HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN AS WAS PLANNED..

WAS LIKE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
THEN THE ELIMINATION OF DOCTOR FOSHBERG'S EXPERIMENTAL BODIES AND THE ANNIHILATION OF THE BLOOD...

I'LL LEAVE THE AUTOPSY REPORT UP TO YOUR PEOPLE.
WE CANNOT LET A SINGLE SCRAP OF FLESH, NO, NOT EVEN A FINGERNAIL, BE RECOVERED BY NON-FOUNDATION PERSONNEL.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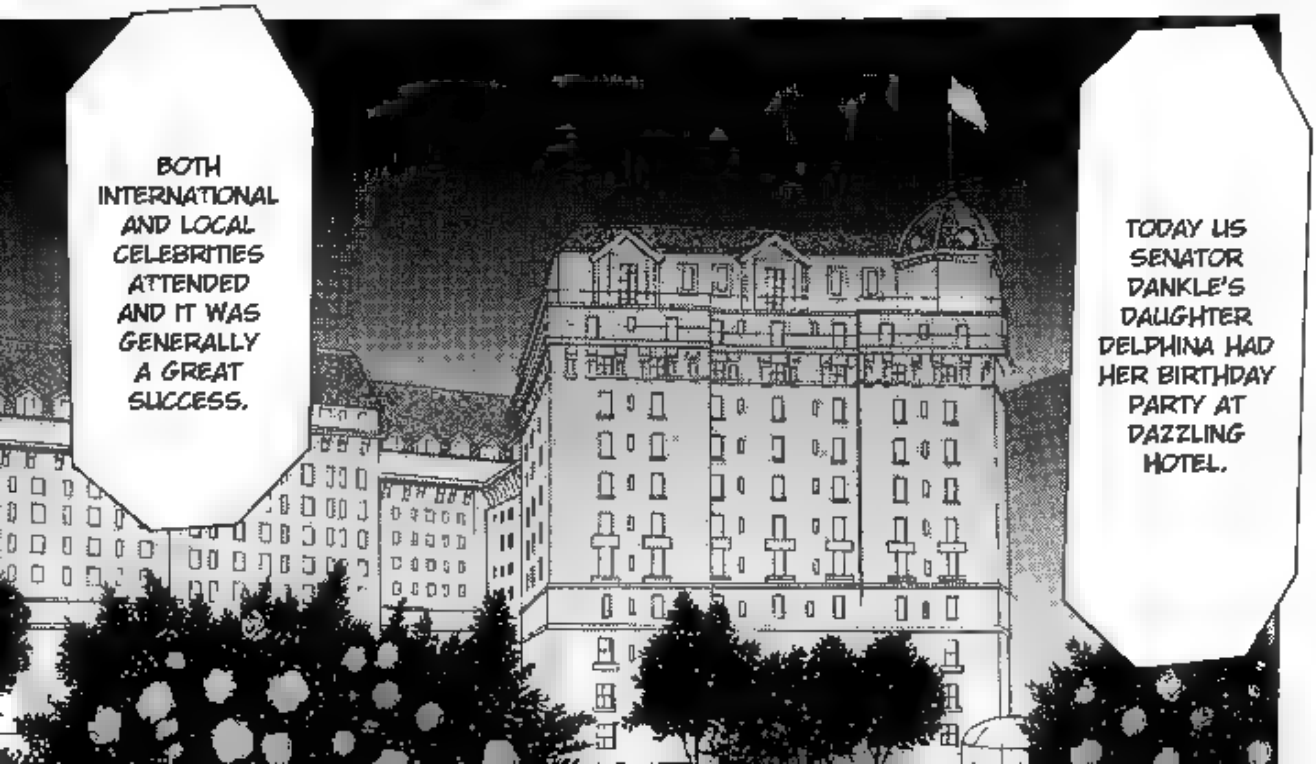
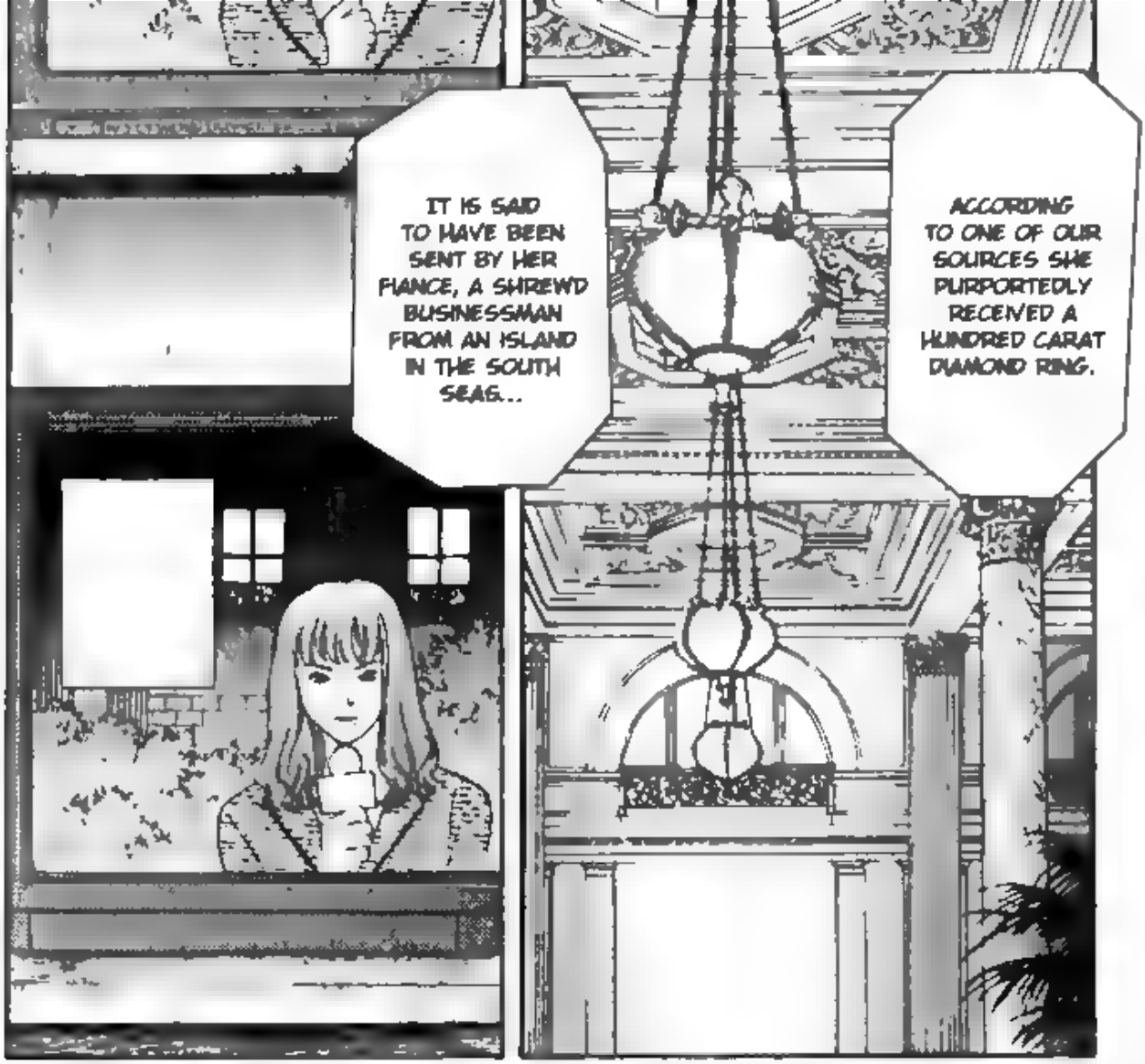
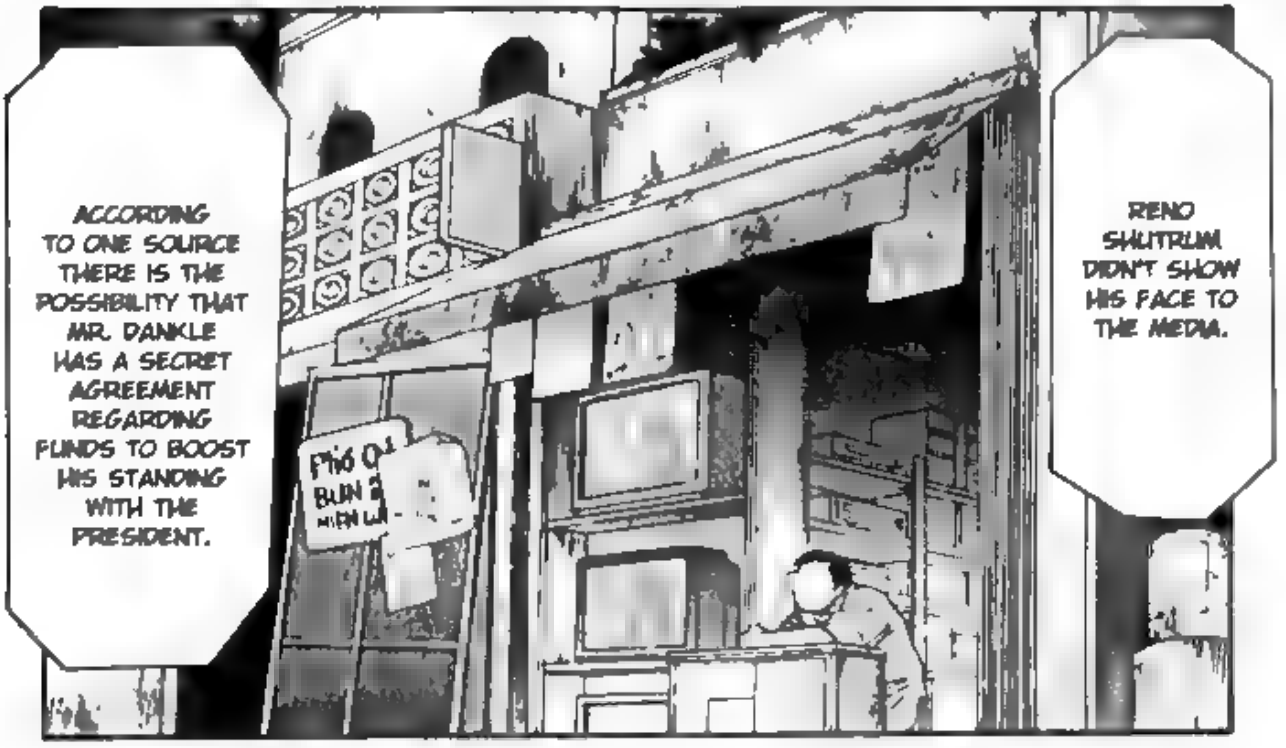

BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL CELEBRITIES ATTENDED AND IT WAS GENERALLY A GREAT SUCCESS.
TODAY US SENATOR DANKLE'S DAUGHTER DELPHINA HAD HER BIRTHDAY PARTY AT DAZZLING HOTEL.

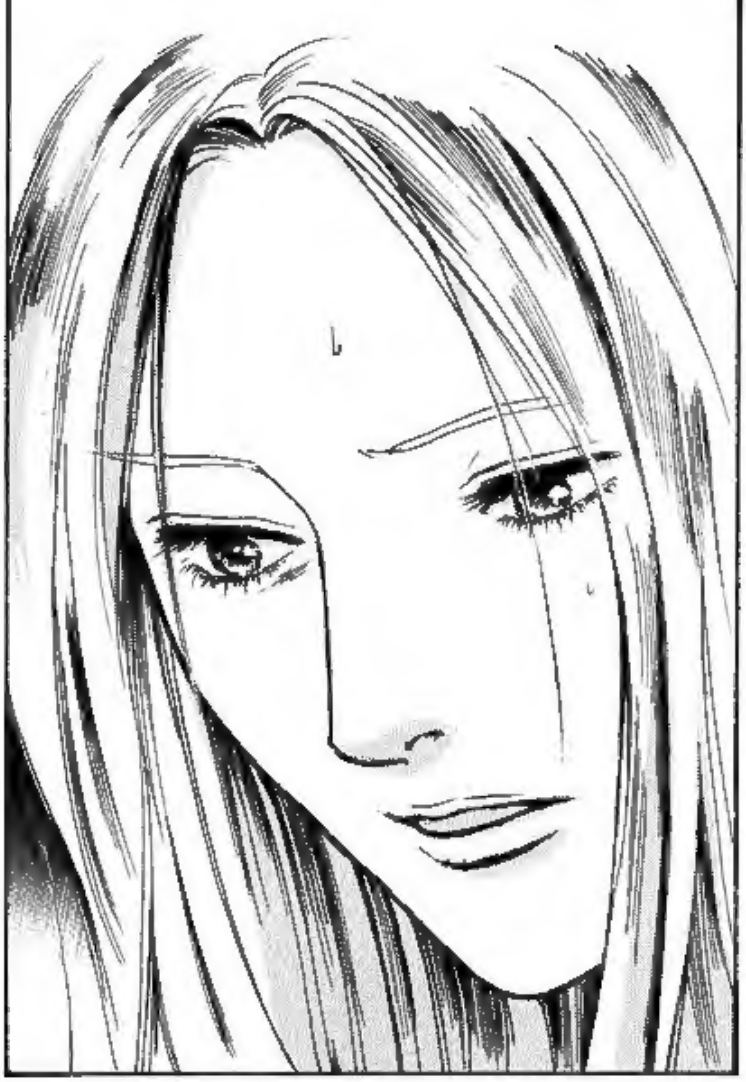

IT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT BY HER FIANCE, A SHREWD BUSINESSMAN FROM AN ISLAND IN THE SOUTH SEAS...
ACCORDING TO ONE OF OUR SOURCES SHE PURPORTEDLY RECEIVED A HUNDRED CARAT DIAMOND RING.

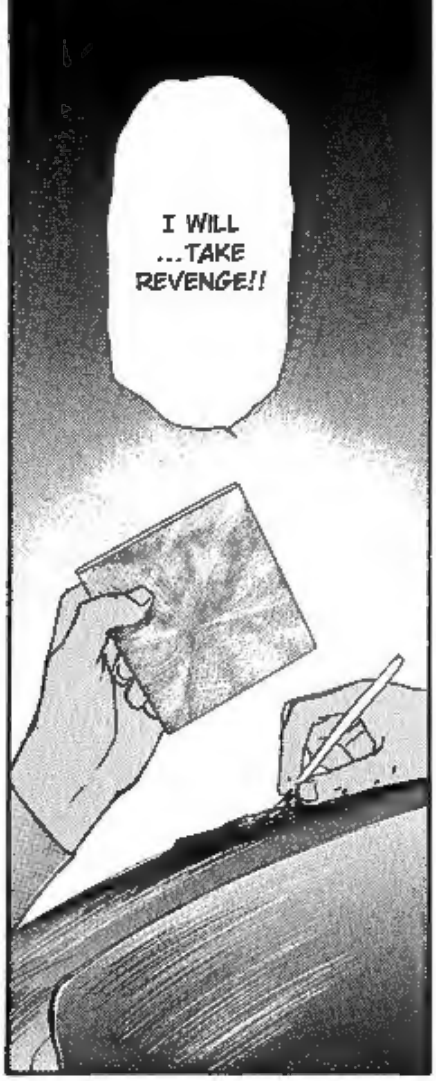

ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MR. DANKLE HAS A SECRET AGREEMENT REGARDING FUNDS TO BOOST HIS STANDING WITH THE PRESIDENT.
RENO SHUTRUM DIDN'T SHOW HIS FACE TO THE MEDIA.

SPLASH
!!
MEET US BY THE BUS STOP UNDER KHANH HOI BRIDGE!!
IT SHOULD BE... SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE, BUT...
OH!
IT'S YOU!
YOU'RE TERRIBLY INJURED!!
...YOU ARE...?
... LINEA...
WHERE ARE YOUR TEAM-MATES!?
.....
THEY'RE ALL DEAD.
!

THE FOUNDATION ABANDONED US...
I GUESS... THEY WERE DONE USING THEIR FAULTY PRODUCTS.
THERE'S ONLY ONE READING LEFT ON MY BIO-SENSOR...SO I'M SURE I'M THE LAST ONE OF US LEFT.
I'M... JUST LIKE YOU IN A WAY...
TAKE OFF MY BELT.
FOR EVERY-ONE...WHO DIED...
I'LL KEEP ON LIVING... AND GET REVENGE...
!
PLEASE... HELP ME.
FLIP

HOLD THE LIGHT!!
WE DON'T HAVE THE RECUPERATIVE ABILITIES OF DINOSAURIODS, AFTER ALL...
N...NO WAY, ME!?
I'LL TAKE IT OUT WITH THIS.
THERE'S SOME SHRAPNEL STUCK BENEATH ONE OF MY RIBS.
I WILL LIVE. I HAVE TO LIVE ON...
COME ON!! I NEED YOU TO HOLD THE LIGHT STILL!!
PLEASE STOP...I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!!

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